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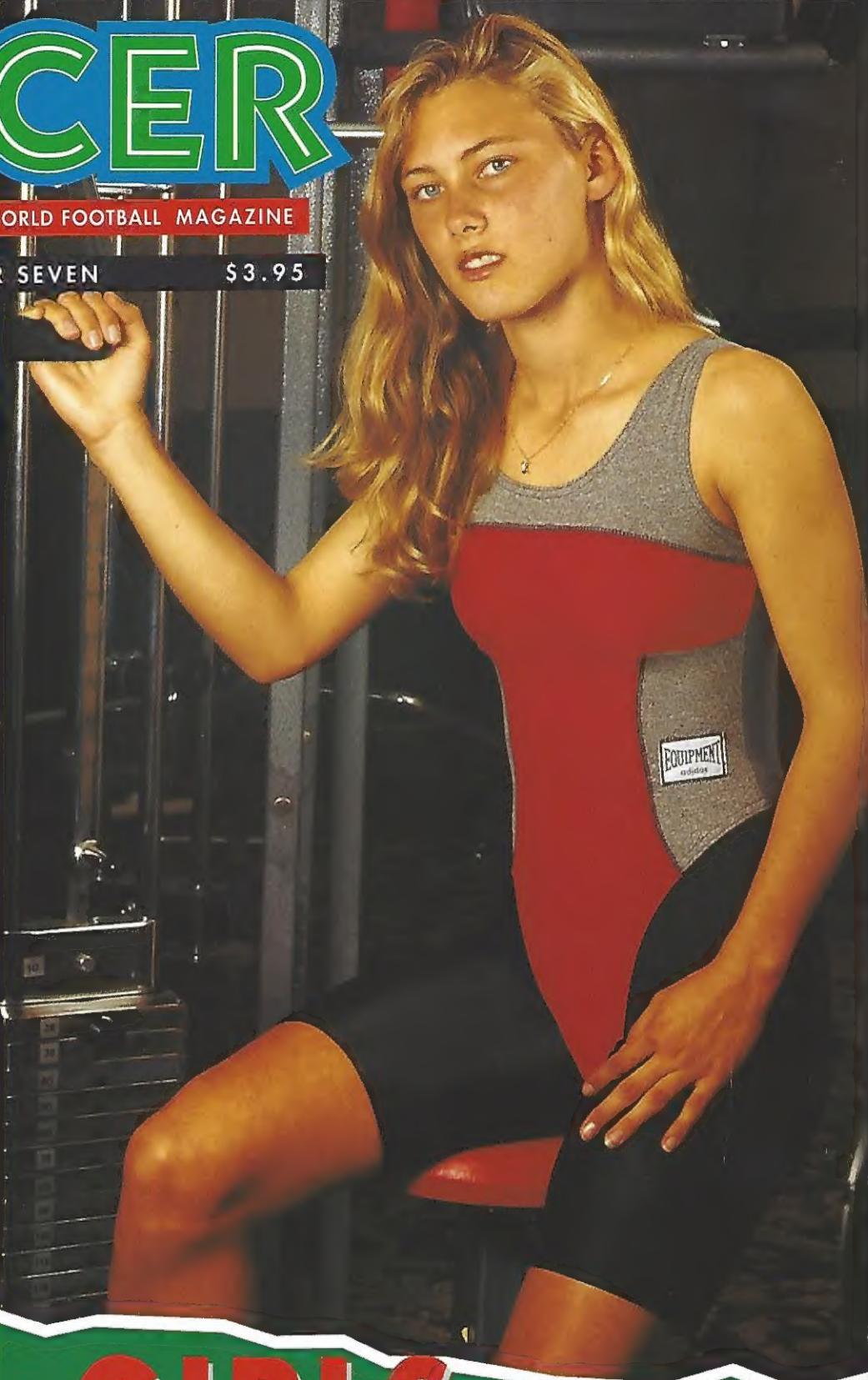
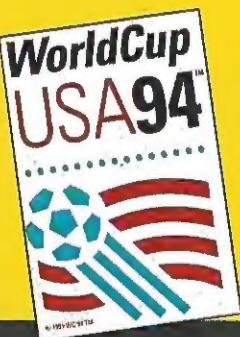
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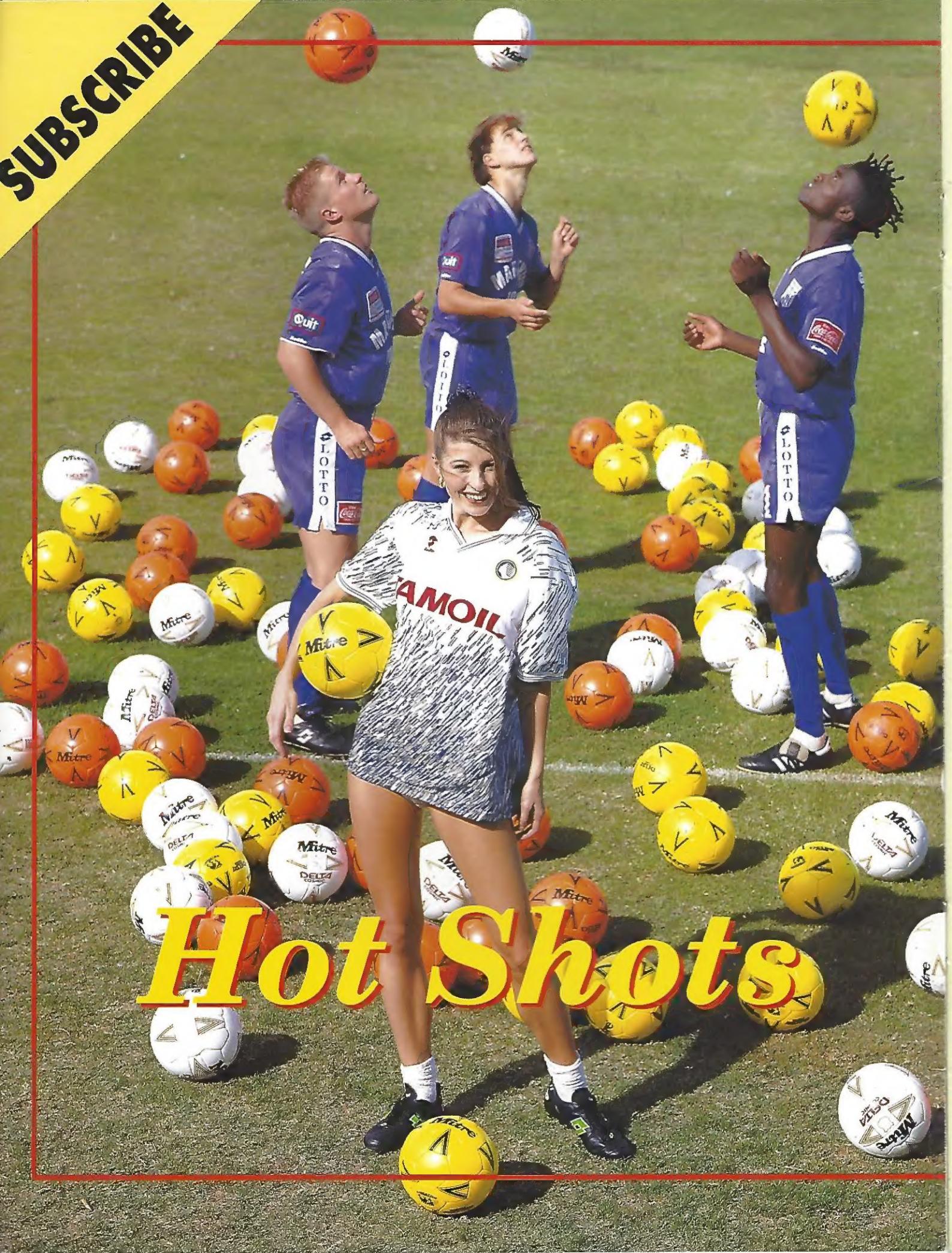
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EDITORIAL

The great thing about our wonderful game is that it is non discriminatory. Men and women enjoy playing soccer because it is fun and relatively injury-free. You don't need to be physically strong (as in rugby league) or tall and lanky (as in Aussie Rules) to be a success.

You just need to be fit and willing to look after your body. What better example of fitness (and beauty) than the Marconi Ladies soccer team. Not only do they look good on the park - they are also gems of girls off the field and good ambassadors for the growing women's game.

Having said that, I'm sure, ladies, there are plenty of **Coca-Cola** Soccer League stars you would like to see

more of. Well stay tuned, girls, stay tuned!

There's little I want to say on the AC Milan tour except I feel we must have these visitors to our shores even if they are not the perfect guests.

The visit proved to me once again that Sydney is still the premier city for soccer. The huge crowd at the Sydney Football Stadium is testimony to that.

There has been a lot happening in the game in the past month.

Brunswick United successful application to re-join the CCSL after five years in the wilderness is a tribute to the club's patience, particularly club president Maria Carmignani. But the promotion has come at some cost

with the deal struck involving a change of name and home games being played at a footy oval ... Footscray's Western Oval.

Finally, the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos continue the long and winding road to USA'94 with home and away games against Canada. For those who are already looking to the South American qualifying stage, DON'T. Canada will not be easy, don't kid yourself. They play a similar style to Eddie Thomson's men and have as many talented overseas-based players as we do.

Knowing Sydney's appetite for big games, I'm sure there will be huge support for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos on August 15.

ETTORE FLACCO

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

South Melbourne the best

I would like to congratulate South Melbourne for their excellent playing skills during the CCSL season. I am pleased Paul Trimboli succeeded in winning the Best Player of the Year award because he is a player with skill and devotion to his sport.

To all you Marconi players, you only won because South Melbourne came back from Singapore with a virus (so don't think of yourselves too highly).

I would also like to say that **Soccer Australia** magazine is the best. It would be better if you could put in a South Melbourne poster for me. Also to all you Macedonians out there, make peace - Australia is a country full of peace and harmony.

Alexandra El-Khishen
(No.1 Hellas fan)

Bring on the Spunkeroos

In these pages we have already seen indications of women's opinions on the general sexiness of soccer players. May I suggest that we capitalise on this great untapped resource in order to popularise soccer further by capturing one of the largest, if not THE largest consumer groups: teenage girls?



As evidence I cite the enormous popularity of products featuring 90210 hunks Jason Priestly and Luke Perry. I also believe that the June issue of Dolly magazine is on the right track, with its poster of Young Spunkeroos (sorry, Socceroos) Holst, Maccolino and Moric. As our boys have considerably more to offer than Rugby's ET or AFL's Plugger, I believe a calendar of Aussie soccer players could be the watershed for the popularisation of soccer. Furthermore, may I nominate the following five players as compulsory for such an enterprise:

1. Paul Trimboli - big blue eyes, boy-next-door appeal
2. Dean Anastasiades - 1940's matinee idol looks
3. Francis Awaratife - ALREADY a model
4. Mark Bosnich - sensitive 'Dead Poet's Society' looks
5. Milan Blagojevic - the hair, the muscles, the bone structure ...

Please consider my suggestion carefully.

Trimmer's Biggest Fan

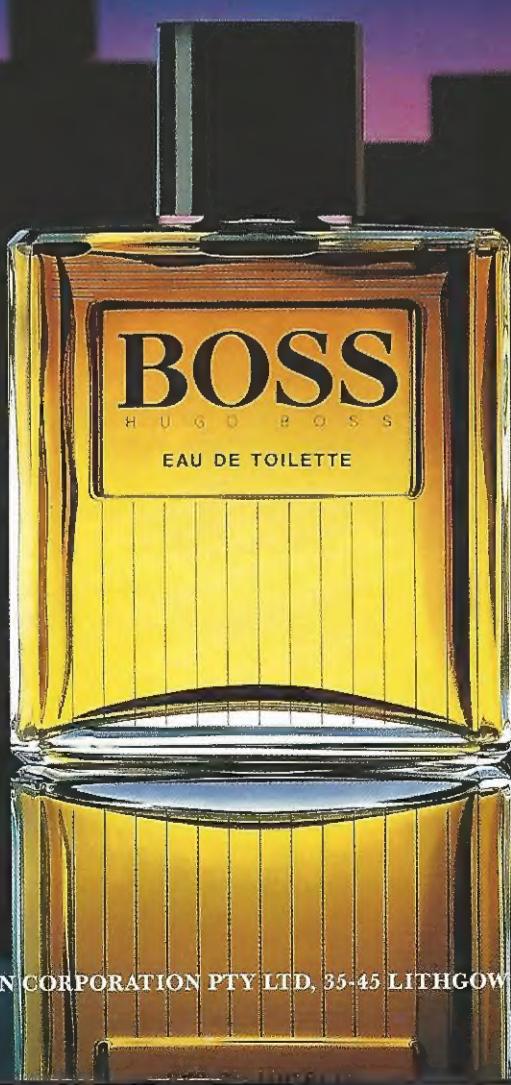
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help is on its way

I wish to reiterate the concerns of Stephen Muller (letter in the May issue). I enjoy reading Soccer Australia but have been having great trouble gaining copies of your magazine or anticipating when it may be available. For example the May issue this includes on page 7 listings of Soccer on SBS beginning May 13 and a preview of the top six playoffs. Soccer Australia was not in either the Kensington or Newtown newsagency's which stock this magazine until late May. This made both the TV and top six preview basically redundant. I feel there are a couple of easy solutions.

1. A word to Gordon and Gotch Ltd (or a change in distributors).
2. I'm sure a great many readers would appreciate, a note in the back of one months issue regarding upcoming article and when the next issue can be expected at newsstands.

I wish Soccer Australia every success, but I'm certain that an improvement in both distribution and publication and more information regarding both increase readership and also convince people that subscribing for 12 issues would mean receiving 12 issues when the contents were still relevant.

A final note regarding the apparent end to the ethnicity in Australian Soccer (Issue 1). I note with interest that in the pictures of the tip six contenders (May issue Pages 14-19) that South Melbourne's club emblem reads S.M. Hellas, Hellas is still mentioned in the Melita Eagles Soccer Club. In addition it appears no-one at either Sydney or Melbourne changes outlined in the Bradley report. Until the ASF and the administrators of the National League show some real backbone and remove the outrageous ethnicity from soccer in Australia, the game will never progress. P.S Attending all the Sydney games of the World Youth Championship it was a sobering thought that most of the

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No room for trouble in soccer

After reading the letter written by Tommy of Fairfield I felt I must write. His letter filled me with sarcasm. He referred to problems that Olympic or Heidelberg and Preston have had but has neglected to note the conduct of his own club's supporters. The ASF has brought in the no-flag pole rule so as to stop politically motivated hoons from clubbing each other and thus bringing the game of soccer further into disrepute.

I also believe that the banning of flag poles (a half-hearted gesture with some clubs) is unfair. Why don't the clubs get rid of the supporters who wish to use flag poles as weapons. Then again the Sydney CSC "Bad Blue Boys" would have no members left.

I support the Newcastle Breakers, despite living in Sydney and enjoy the passionate yet non-violent support of their fans. I urge all soccer followers in Sydney who love Australia to follow the Breakers as they typify a progressive totally non-ethnic set-up. People of any ethnicity are welcome to support the red and blues as long as they do not wish to cause troubles. I wonder if the same can be said for Tommy's mob down at Edensor Park. He is right though - fixtures at the Croatian Sports Centre often set the world "alight". It is a shame that the actual games aren't the causes of this!

P.S. Tell me, Tommy? Were you following "our wonderful Socceroos" when they played Croatia at the Sydney Football Stadium a couple of years ago? I'm sure I, as well as Milan Ivanovic could surely say you weren't.

Julian Farrell
Sydney

regulars I spoke to supported only their local suburban club and the National Team. I would estimate that 90% of these keen soccer followers had never attended a national league match nor were likely to in the future. The answers are simple if not somewhat painful.

Jeff Regnis,
Kensington, NSW

Time out for Brazil

We've all heard the moans and groans of "too much soccer" from European countries, particularly England and Italy. Well, it seems Brazil has joined the party. Its soccer magicians are midway through a tough test of stamina and

nerves with little respite. The fixture congestion began in January with players fronting up for three games a week in the domestic competition. Those lucky enough to be chosen for national team duty played in the US Cup tournament and the Copa America event last month.

Earlier this month there was a friendly against Colombia followed by the gruelling World Cup home and away qualifiers against Uruguay, Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

Then it's straight back into the domestic season for home-based players while the "exiles" go straight into the new European season. When will this madness stop?

Ken Harris, Kew, Victoria

SIMPLY THE BEST

Right: Frank Arok and Remo Nogaretto.

Below: A toast ... Basil Scarsella, Tony Labbozzetta, Sam Papasavas and Ian Holmes.



The 17th annual Coca-Cola Soccer League awards night in Sydney brought together the best players in Australia. The Roll of Honor read like a Who's Who of Australian Soccer. The winners were:

Warren Medal: Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne).

Under-21 Player of the Year: Steve Corica (Marconi Fairfield).

Goalkeeper of the Year: Mark Schwarzer (Marconi-Fairfield).

Top Goalscorer: Francis Awaritefe (South Melbourne).

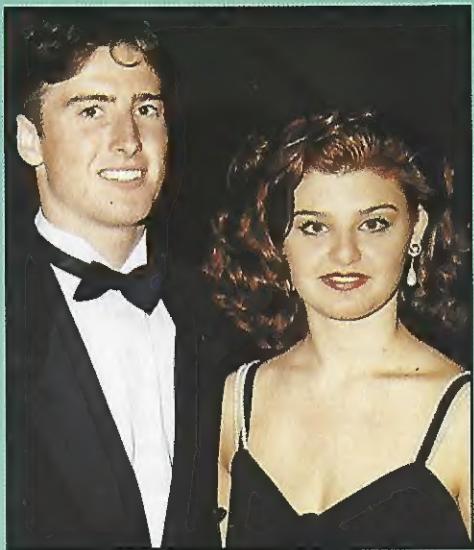
Coach of the Year: Jim Pyrgolios (South Melbourne).

Referee of the Year: Eugene Brazzale (Vic).

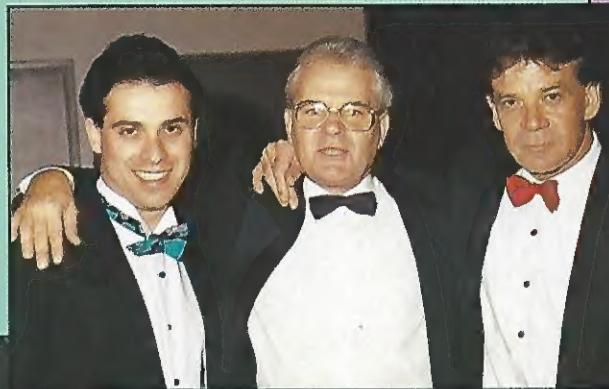
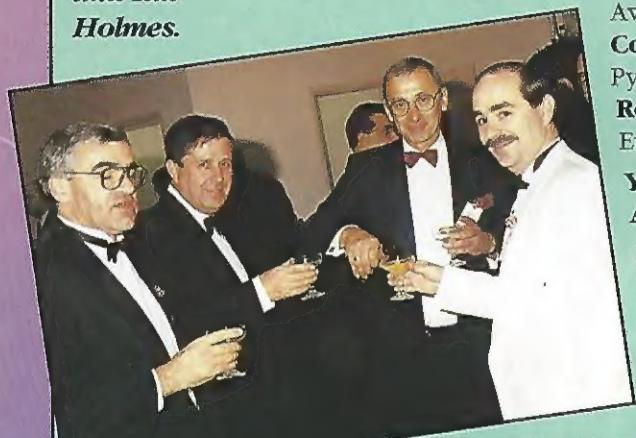
YOUTH LEAGUE AWARDS

Northern Division: Mark Viduka (AIS).

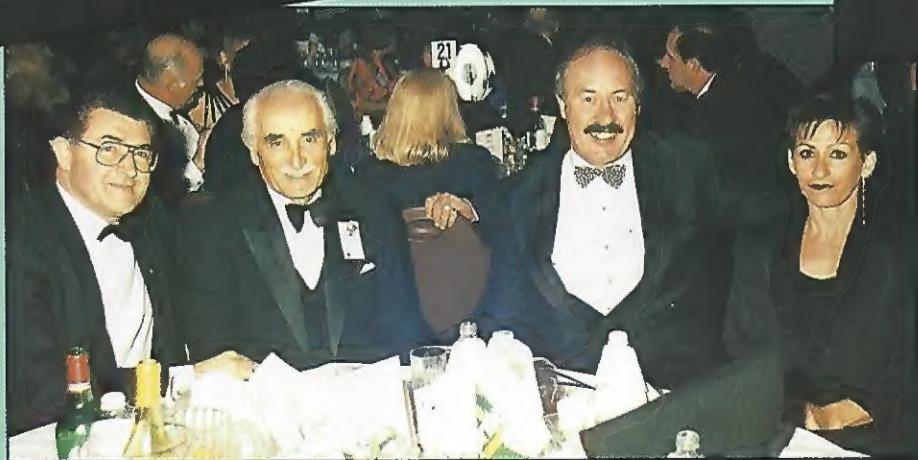
Southern Division: John Verikakis (South Melbourne).



Luke Casserley and companion.



Above: Dominic Galati, Les Murray and John Warren.



Above: John Constantine, Andrew Lederer, Peter Trives and Mrs Trives at the awards.

Right: The Australian Soccer Federation taskforce.



Warren Medal winner ... Paul Trimboli and companion.

Two evening Club sessions, two evening State sessions, four morning weight sessions and a long run. Then of course

the weekend game. Is this the schedule of a professional player? No, this is the schedule of a female National player who doesn't get paid and in fact actually has to pay club fees, State expenses and pay to play for Australia. Paul Wade, the **Coca-Cola** Socceroo captain fell off his chair when he discovered these facts and certainly did not believe it when I told him we all bought our own boots!

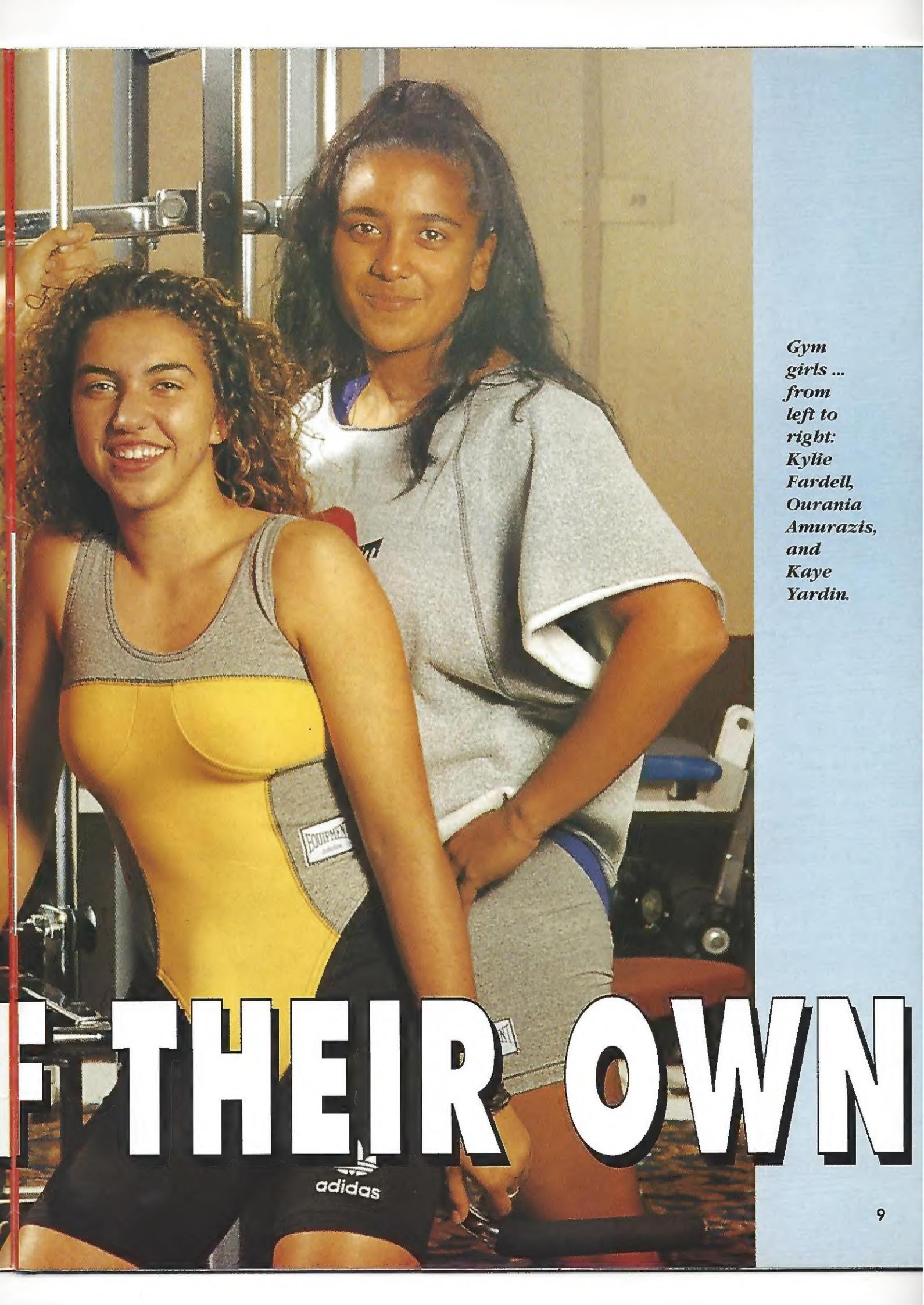
That's why if you call serious female players "kick and giggle" or ask the question "do girls play soccer?" then you are likely to get a tackle that Mehmet Durakovic would be proud of! The top players are serious ... and the good news is that it's getting better for the female players. Not only will the talented kids coming through have opportunities but they are now being treated equally to their male equivalents. Equity is a word which has been misused and misinterpreted by both males and females. Equity to female soccer players is to be given the opportunity to show that they are serious, that they can play and show that they both love the game and have something to offer both off and on the pitch.

It's getting better at all levels of women's soccer. At grass roots level, when I visit schools for the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, not only are we getting more young girls playing Soccer/RooBall in primary schools but their skill and enthusiasm is rapidly rising.

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A LEAGUE OF

A color photograph of two young women in a gym. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a grey tank top over a yellow leotard, with a small 'EQUIPMENT' patch on her chest. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a grey sweatshirt. They are both smiling and appear to be posing for a magazine spread.

*Gym
girls ...
from
left to
right:
Kylie
Fardell,
Ourania
Amurazis,
and
Kaye
Yardin.*

ON THEIR OWN

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Believe me there are some very good young players on the way up. At club level the interest shown by Coca-Cola Soccer League clubs is certainly adding kudos to the female game. It's no coincidence that the top two clubs in the NSW Women's League are Marconi and Sydney Olympic. These clubs have treated female players with respect and the players have full use of facilities and the backing of the professional coaches, such as Frank Arok, Rick Budini, Berti Mariani and Paul Degney. In Melbourne, Heidelberg United has supported a women's team, and Development Officer, Gary Bratten, is a big supporter of the program. These clubs realise that by adding female teams, they increase their supporter base, not only by the female players, but with their friends and family. Club membership increases and the females return the support by attending CCSL matches. A survey of crowds at Marconi, Olympic, Wollongong, Heidelberg and the Adelaide Clubs would reveal that more and more females are coming to watch games. At State level things are also happening. Leading the way is Queensland, who have initiated a Queensland Academy of Sport. Encouraged by Wilma Shakespeare of the Queensland Academy of Sport, the Queensland Soccer Federation, through the Director of Coaching Jim Selby, has pumped thousands of dollars into an elite Female Youth Team and there's no doubt that the best young players will be coming from Queensland in the next few years due to intensive coaching, Sports Science support and quality competition. It is also pleasing that the team is coached by ex-international, Connie Byrnes, so women are now acting at the ever important role model level. New South Wales is also seeing



NSW and Australian Youth International Jacky Haddon, Marconi Fairfield.

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

the value of female players. Led by Peter Gray and Peter Thorne, the females are being afforded a new status, playing on the same bill as the State of Origin Series and sharing in the great new Foster's sponsorship. David Lee's Academy squads are also starting to include talented young females on ability alone.

There is no doubt that after these initiatives, other States will be following and the base of talented young players will broaden. At a recent seminar I attended with State Directors of Coaching and State Development Officers, the Australian Soccer Federation staff all said they are going to fully support the work and initiatives

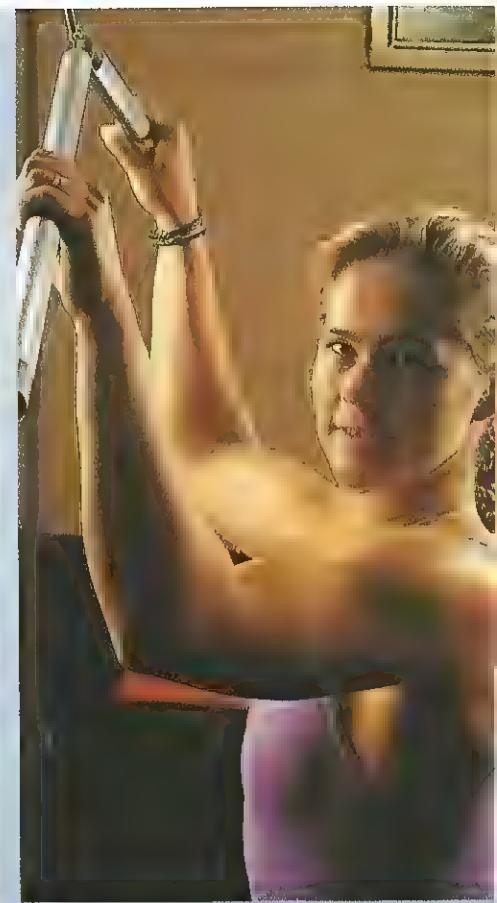
of the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

At National and International level the status of women's soccer continues to rise. FIFA has recognised the value of Women's Soccer and the quality of the elite players. The first FIFA Women's World Cup was held in China in 1991 and was won by the USA who played an incredible 42 international games in their preparation. Dr Joao Havelange the President of FIFA and Chairman of the FIFA Women's Committee is openly lobbying for the inclusion of women's soccer in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics ... and FIFA usually gets what it wants. Sydney 2000 may see a great duet of Australian Male and Female Soccer

players. Many leading coaches in the ASF have supported the female game and Mike Wells the National Director of Coaching runs a National Coaching scheme with a complete equity approach. Already a number of females are rising up the coaching ladder. In my playing career I've been coached by leading coaches such as Jim Selby, Raul Blanco, Steve Darby, Ron Smith, Gary Cole, Tom Sermanni, John Reid and Eddie Thomson. Added to this, more and more ex-international females are becoming qualified coaches so that they can act as positive role models to young players in particular.

How do they compare with male players? Realistically no female could play at CCSL level, mainly due to the speed of the game. However on a pure technical base the elite players have comparable technique with the ball to CCSL players. A few players could handle State League, as long as they were playing as individuals. The benefits of planned long term physical programs, with specific emphasis on weights is starting to pay off. A great example of this was when Alison Forman a senior international "cleaned up" Kevin Muscat in a practice match against the A.I.S. Kevin being a true believer in equity made sure he got her back. This really is the ultimate compliment to an elite female player.

The game is on the way up rapidly, more and more and more females are playing the game, becoming professionals in the game and at the moment there are five female Aussies abroad. They may not be earning a Zelic or



Ovrania Amurazis (left) and Jane Hornsby work out.

Farina salary, but it is a great start and will certainly encourage others to follow. Our international program has been in abeyance for two years, mainly due to economics, but with qualification for the next World Cup around the corner, there are planned tours to Asia, where the female game is booming. The game is gaining the respect of the educated males who appreciate Soccer. What else does it need? Well a sponsor or two wouldn't be bad! More and more girls are playing, coaching and watching the game ...

Only fools would reject 50 per cent of the population!

Anissa Tann is Australian and NSW Captain and a player at the Marconi Soccer Club. She is also Coach of the NSW Women's Youth Squad who are National Champions. She is employed by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation as their Development Officer and travels NSW extensively coaching both male and female players.



Soccer legend Pele with some of the local female talent during his recent visit.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Freelance writer Robert Smith reports on the two latest additions to the ASF Board of Commissioners

Australian soccer's new independent commissioners, Rodney Adler and Alan Rydge, were dismissively daubed in some press reports as two "rah-rahs" when they were unveiled by the Australian Soccer Federation in early June.

Some thought it was contradictory that Messrs. Adler and Rydge's sporting backgrounds were centred on rugby union, rather than the round ball. Their relevance to the needs of the game were questioned, yet their ambivalence is what attracted the squiring ASF to their door.

Adler and Rydge, well-credentialled, young captains of industry, offer the ASF the opportunity to develop fresh initiatives to capitalise on the blossoming profiles of Australia's national, Olympic and youth teams.

Free of the baggage that can encumber innovative planning, Adler and Rydge present the ASF with the chance to confidently and progressively tap the potential of the world's most popular sport within Australia.

ASF President, Neville Wran, an integral conduit in the recruitment of the two corporate "bigwigs" through his far-reaching network of contacts, embraces their acceptance of the challenge.

"They both played key roles on the national organising committee of the **FIFA/Coca-Cola** World Youth Cup earlier this year, and I'm pleased to have them on the (ASF) Board," said Wran.

"They represent the generational change that is occurring at the



***The two new independent commissioners ...
Rodney Adler and Alan Rydge.***

Australian Soccer Federation.

"Four of the seven Board members are 40 or under ... together we will be making sure that soccer achieves its potential." ASF Chairman John Constantine, overseeing a new era in soccer administration, was equally buoyant by the confirmation of the high-flying pair.

"They will be a vibrant and integral part of the changing face of Australian Soccer.

"The Board of Commissioners is now blessed with both youth and high quality experience ... it is a board primed to drive Australian Soccer forward."

Adler, chief executive officer of FAI Insurance Limited, and Rydge, chairman of Amalgamated Holdings Limited, the parent company of the Greater Union cinema group, join elected board members, John Constantine, John Dimtsis, Basil Scarsella, Sam Papasavas and ASF chief

executive Ian Holmes. Former NSW Premier Wran is a non-voting member. Cranbrook-educated Adler - hence his rugby background - intends to use his neutrality to the full by "questioning everything that's done around the board table."

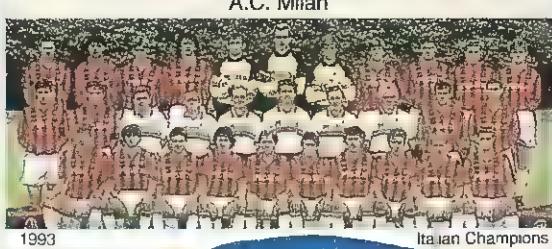
Adler, who is a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Economics, told Soccer Australia: "I hold no allegiances to any particular community or faction and I see my role as asking 'what if' questions at Board meetings."

"I would like to see soccer marketed differently. I would like to see a break down of the old fashioned geographical bounds in soccer.

"I would like to, if I can use the term, 'Australianise' the game. Football means other things here than what it does around the world. I am very excited by the great potential of the game - because of my involvement in the World Youth Cup I saw more soccer in that time than I had in my life."



Robert Donadoni



A.C. Milan



Ruud Gullit



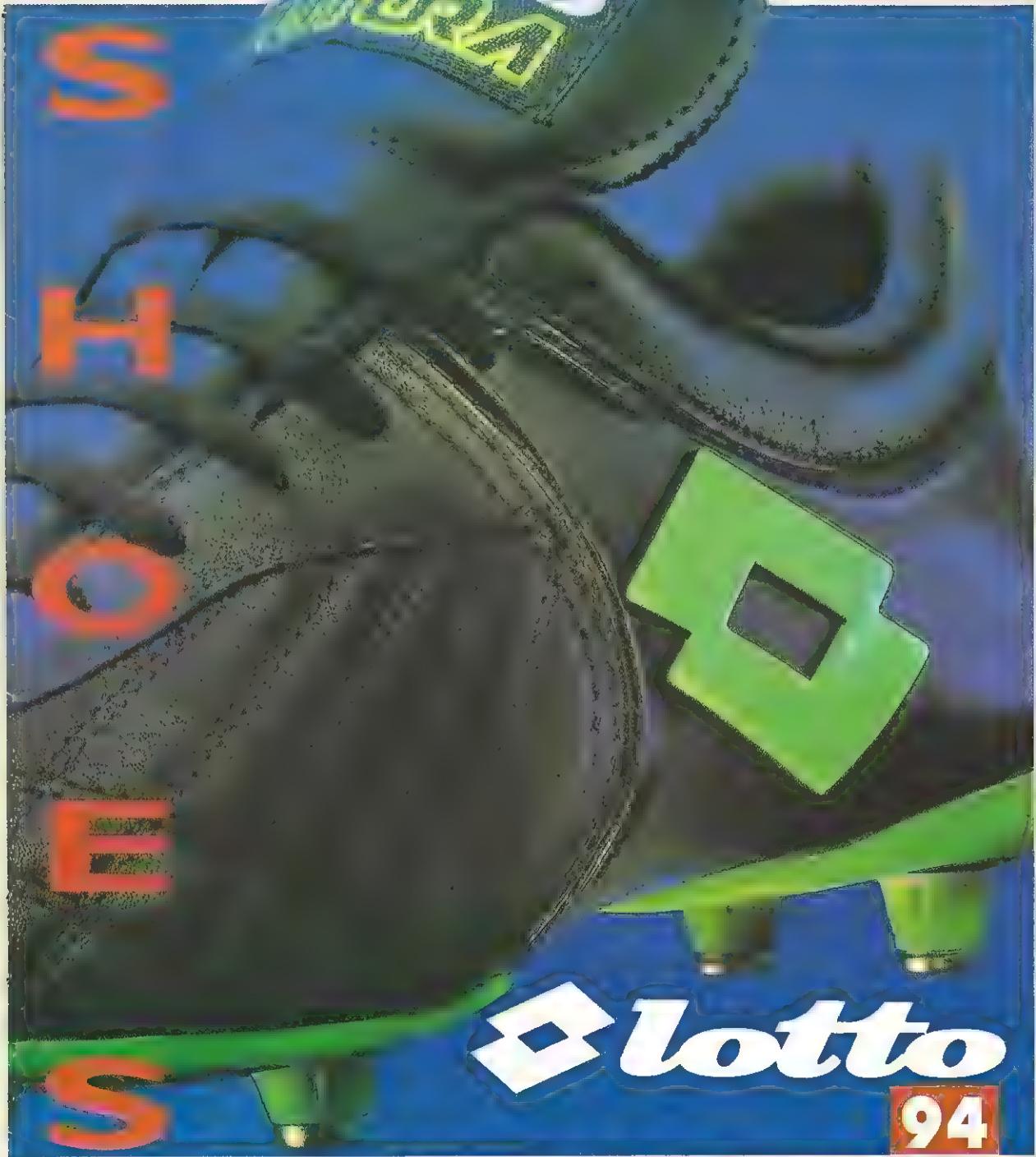
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Calf skin leather upper. Heel reinforcement in PEBAX. EVA and felt insole. Sewn-on vulcanized rubber outsole with 13 fixed studs.

Big goal for Frank

Melbourne's Frank Talia has set himself a major goal ... to become Australia's next goalkeeper to make it in the English Premier League. As we featured in a recent issue of Soccer Australia, Talia is currently understudy to Bobby Mimms at Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers. But the 21-year-old former Australian Institute of Sport student is determined to make a big impact in pre-season training with the Lancashire club and wrest the number

one spot from Mimms. If he does his make his Premier League debut, and I feel it is a question of when rather than if, he will join Socceroo Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa) and Queenslander Jason Kearton (Everton) in the big time. It's perhaps time for Eddie Thomson to take a closer note. Talia, whose parents were born in Italy, vows to try his luck in that country if he does not gain green and gold representative honours.



BRISBANE WINS AWARD

Brisbane United may not have enjoyed such a happy time as far as results were concerned in last season's Coca-Cola Soccer League but their zest to play within the rules could not be questioned.

Miron Bleiberg's team won the Mitre Fair Play Award for the 1992-93 CCSL season after collecting the least number of penalty points. Brisbane receives \$2500 of Mitre products and the Mitre Fair Play Trophy for its efforts. United, which also won \$400 of Mitre products for being the best performed team in the final month, April, finished the season on 123 points - 14 clear of second placed Adelaide City.

Marconi-Fairfield won the title in the first two seasons, APIA in 1990-91 and South Melbourne in 1991-92.

TRANSFER DEAL MOVES

The ASF has taken action to wipe out the use of agents and middlemen in transfer deals. Executive Director Ian Holmes said the ASF has banned players from owning their own contracts to try to ensure clubs deal directly with each other. The move follows an English FA investigation into the transfer of Socceroo Mark Bosnich from Sydney CSC to Aston Villa.

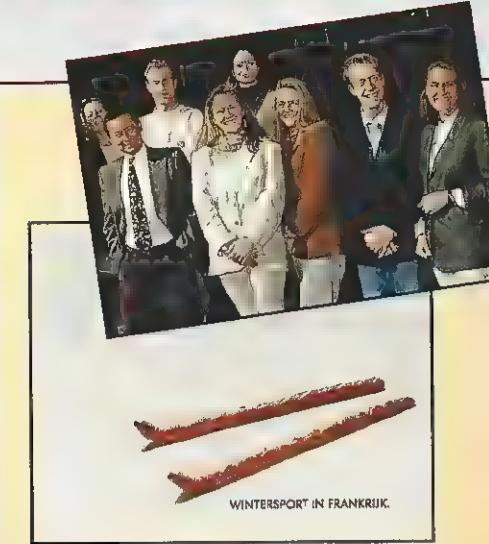
Whistling a happy tune ...

Congratulations to Coca-Cola Soccer League referee John Santa Isabel who was Australia's man in black at the recent World University Games in Buffalo, America.

I'm sure John took the chance to check out the latest preparations for next year's World Cup finals.

There are less than 12 months to go before the big event and soccer guru Les Murray is one of the fortunate few who has also witnessed plans for what is looming as the "Greatest Show on Turf".

Murray and an SBS camera crew are currently filming at each of the venues for USA '94 so make sure you tune in to his special reports.



Monsieur (Football) Patrik Benbamou, director general of the French Tourist Bureau in Holland, will be Soccer Australia's official correspondent in Amsterdam as Holland, a hot European Cup favourite, joins the battle for a berth at World Cup USA '94. Pictured in the glorious Amsterdam gardens, Patrik and office colleagues were celebrating their Winter Sport Campaign that notched top prize in the largest European Advertising Award for billboards.

The interest generated so far in the finals within the US has been staggering.

More than 650,000 of the 3.5 million tickets available have been sold to date in the US with 65 per cent of the total to be sold abroad.

About 30 per cent of all profits from the finals will go towards setting up a professional league in the US, which FIFA, in awarding the finals, always insisted must happen.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said: "With up to 16 million people playing this game in the US, there must be enough talent and enough force for this not only to be a participant sport but to turn it into a spectator sport."

Les MURRAY



If you don't know Les Murray you don't know soccer in more than a decade, has an intimate knowledge of the game and is recognised world-wide for his expertise in the field. Coca-Cola Socceroos and how best to cope with

Australian soccer, not to underestimate it, is into its new era.

And the test continues to see what fruits, if any, will be borne by the new realities that govern the sport in the 90s. The realities that have our best players playing abroad and in which, by implication, our best league is our second division or at best the bottom of the first. The elite lot that represented us in the World Cup qualifiers against New Zealand last month had no more players from Sydney or Melbourne than it did from Strasbourg, Bruges or Birmingham. We are now like the Danes, the Dutch, the Swedes and the Brazilians who, for long, have based their national teams on emigrants.

A distant cry from barely four years ago, when Australia prepared for its World Cup test against New Zealand. The 22 man squad announced by then coach Frank Arok had not one foreign-based player. Expatriates Yankos, Farina and Kmcevic were added later for the tougher games against Israel.

By contrast, and by necessity given the number of players now playing abroad, Eddie Thomson's squad contained 11 men contracted to foreign clubs. And if David Mitchell and Paul Okon had been available, it could have been 13. Not to mention other 'legionnaires' - like Lou Hristodoulou, Chris Kalantzis, Jason Kearton etc - who may have been considered but weren't.

It is important to note the two major factors that distinguish the two eras: (1) the foreign-based men now are too numerous, too good and too successful not to base the team around them; and (2) the circumstances are so tailored now that they may be brought back in advance of one, perhaps two weeks of an important game.

Four years ago only a handful, perhaps four players, were worth bringing back. And the games were played in March and April when players, in the midst of dire



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club needs, were brought back for barely hours of preparation, not weeks.

Eddie Thomson planned his campaign shrewdly, clearly recognising both factors from the beginning. That he will have no choice but to rely on the 'legionnaires' and that he must play the games at a time of year - late May at the earliest - which gives the team at least some chance to gel. There are some observers who suggest the ASF should have asked FIFA permission to delay the games even by one more week, to which the world body may well have agreed.

With an extra week of preparation who knows what the Coca-Cola Socceroos may have done with the Kiwis in that second game.

What still remains to be seen, as we head towards the games against Canada, is how Australian soccer has benefited from these new circumstances and these new realities. Will we be able to do with legionnaires what we were only able to do once without them? Will we, to put it plainly, qualify for the World Cup? Simplists, and those with simple minds, are content to leave such things in the

laps of coaches, as if the skill and identity of the national coach governs all things, Raleasic got us to the World Cup, Jimmy Shoulder, Rudi Gutendorf and Frank Arok didn't blah, blah, blah. But what we have here is a new deal for Australian soccer which overrides those things.

We, like Denmark, Holland, Brazil, Ghana and the rest, are now talent exporters. Eddie Thomson and his ASF bosses nowadays face a much broader challenge than just picking the right players, devising the right coaching sessions, concocting the right tactics, even spending the right money. Their job is now about how to manage and harness these new realities.

It is a task that requires much vision and immense fleetfooted skills in administration and international diplomacy not just a knowledge of technical requirements. It's a new challenge even to Thomson who did so well with the Olympic team in Barcelona. That was still, Bosnich and Okon apart, very much a home-based outfit, fashioned at home with home players.

It's a challenge which is all about timing

Australia. Murray, SBS TV's "Mr Soccer" for game and its players second to none and he In this issue, Les Murray looks at the Australia's "Foreign Legion" of players ...

THE WORLD GAME

TIMES have changed. This is how Eddie Thomson's squad, picked for the games against New Zealand, compares with Frank Arok's squad picked against the same opponent four years ago. Foreign-based players are in italics.

AROK'S SQUAD

Olver, Savor, Jennings, Koczka, Van Egmond, Davidson, Spink, Polak, Arnold, Crino, Ollerenshaw, Durakovic, Calderan, Bernal, Slater, Trimboli, Postecoglou, Gibson, Petersen, Wade, Tobin, Haniotis.

THOMSON'S SQUAD

Zabica, Bosnich, Zelic, Ivanovic, Marth, Longo, Durakovic, Blagojevic, Tobin, Van Blerk, Lazaridis, Farina, Trimboli, Corica, Wade, Polak, Bozinoski, A Vidmar, Slater, Arnold, Veart, Milosevic



LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE

of games and preparation camps. About negotiating with players and clubs for free access. Probably about having the right enticements, including money. And about finding the right blend between local and foreign-based player strengths. And blend means not just tactical but psychological. Who are the right players who will readily live with such a marriage between the humble CCSL player and the superstar from Dortmund or Birmingham? And then there is the business of how all this impacts on the morale of those local-based players who play in the "less important" games but are cast aside for the glamour events.

And, most importantly, what does all this do to our local Coca-Cola Soccer league which boasts of being the showcase of the best Australian soccer talent but in fact is not? Eight out of eleven players in a Coca-Cola Socceroo team who play in Europe manifestly establishes, once and for all, that the best Aussies are no longer here. Our showcase is in Europe. The legionnaires disease has finally been caught and we'd better accept and swallow the fact. But accepting it with a

shrug is no the same as managing it or harnessing it. And, if it is a problem, solving it.

Last October I broached this topic saying, there is yet not evidence that any returned serviceman has actually helped us achieve anything on the field. I said that until we learn how to harness having celebrated pros in Europe, "let's not get sexed up over them and ... engage in domestically damaging, divisive and historically unjustified rhetoric about foreign-based

'Messiahs' who will be our salvation."

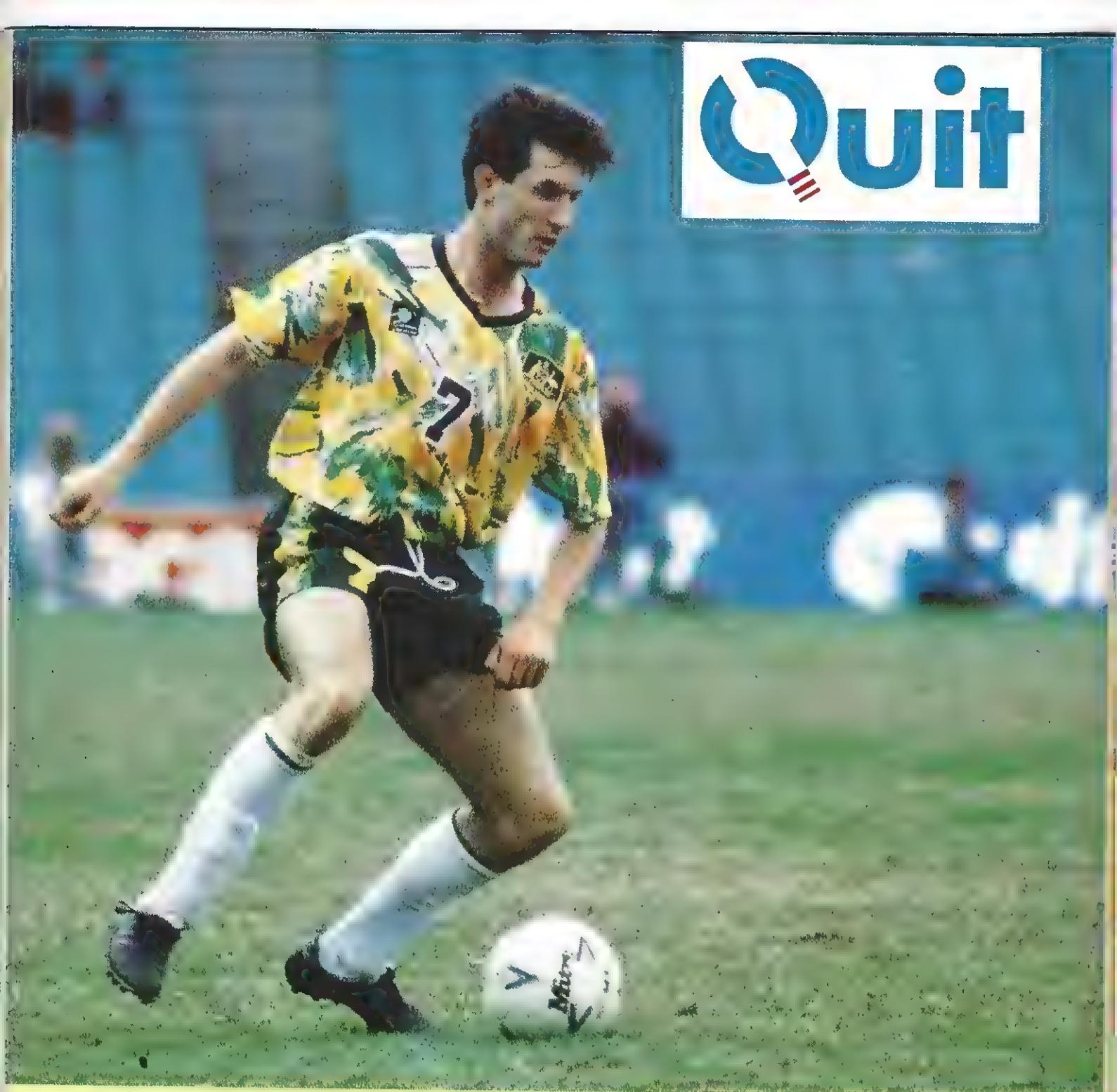
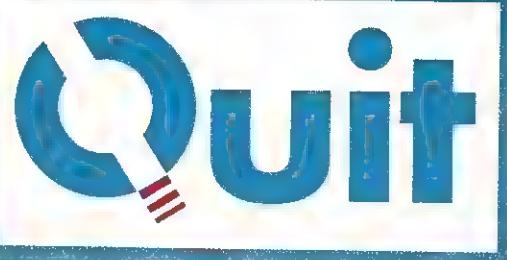
I stand by those comments, made in the name of home players who were being abandoned after doing the humble work against the Solomons and the like, although I acknowledge (as I did then) that Eddie Thomson has little choice but to bring back the foreigners.

So far, it appears, so good. Australia breezed past New Zealand, 4-0 on aggregate. But there was also room for the belief that there is a long trek ahead before we can say all this emigration is good for us. Thomson complained, rightly, that the defence was at times a translucent sieve and against a better

opponent may well have been better exposed. The expatriates, after hardy seasons, their bodies taxed by travel, mental fatigue and homesickness, arrived either injured or vulnerable to injury. Zelic, Vidmar, Farina and Bozinoski were or became victims.

And the road is becoming more uphill. The World Cup opponents are going to get tougher and less naive than New Zealand and the games against Canada will fall into the European league season rather than at the end of it. And Further, if we may be presumptuous, the games against the South Americans will probably be in October. And that, folks, is European Cup commitment time and when the European leagues reach high momentum. Bosnich, Zelic, Vidmar and Okon, whose club will be involved in Europe, are particularly vulnerable.

The negotiating skills and resolve of Eddie Thomson and Ian Holmes, in getting access to those players, will be tested. We should add the reminder that the ASF has every right to demand and get access to those players for World Cup games, no matter what their club commitments.



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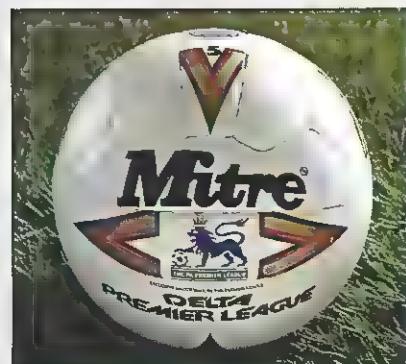
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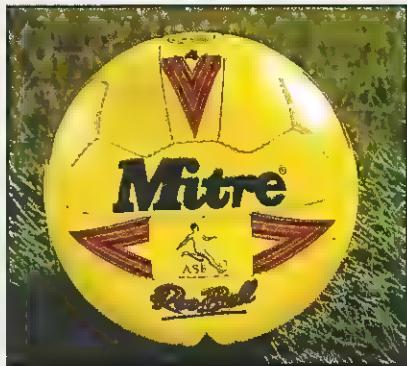


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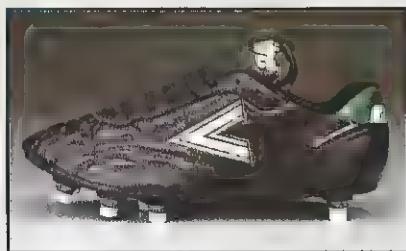
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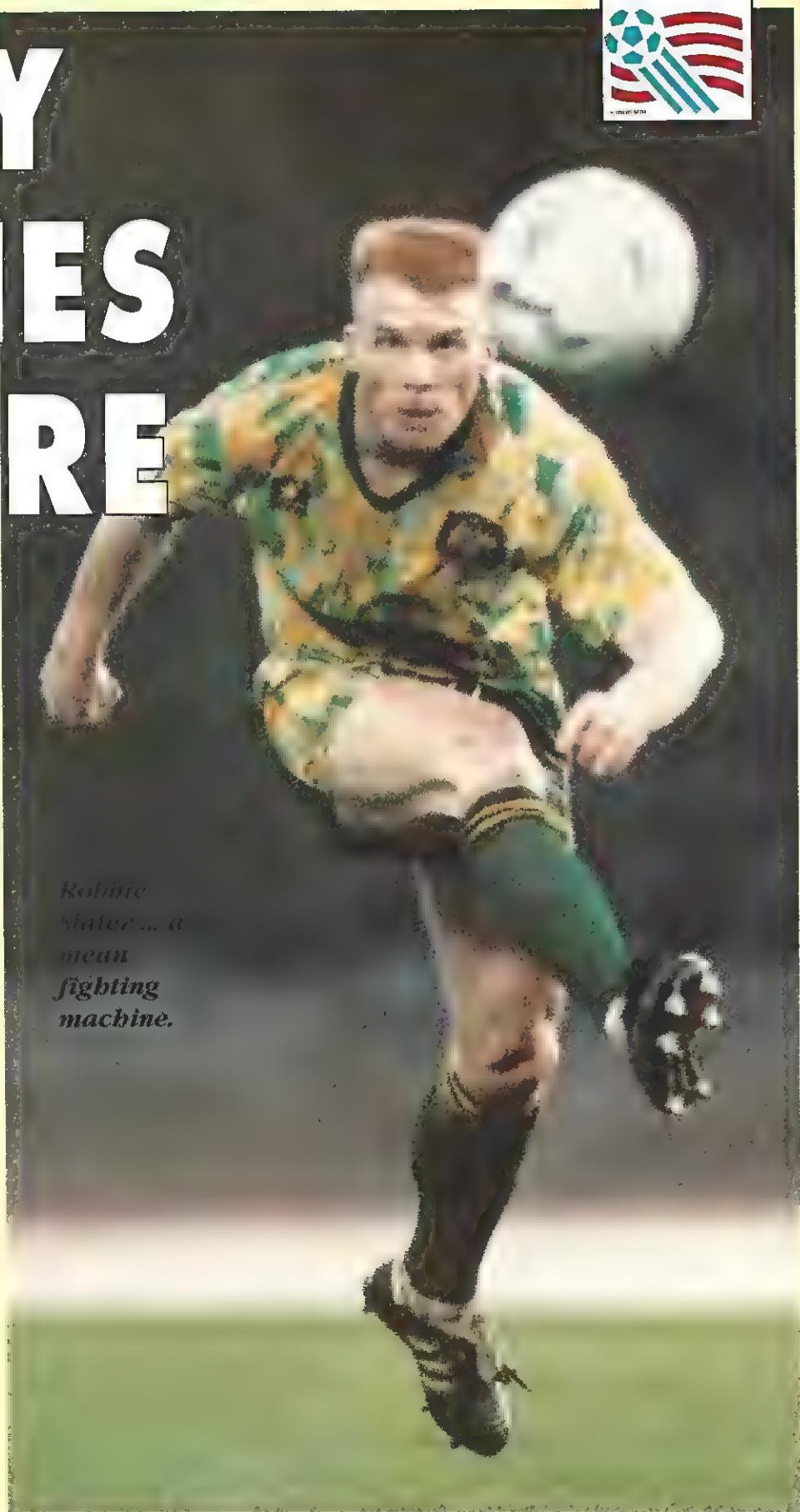
COCKY AUSSIES BEWARE

Australian soccer has gone from unnecessary fear against New Zealand to unwarranted overconfidence against Canada. Peter Desira, Soccer Writer for the Herald Sun, Melbourne, warns of the dangers

The sigh of relief was audible across the Tasman when the Coca-Cola Socceroos disposed of the four year hoodoo against the Kiwis. For a country whose soccer structure is in ruins following the disbanding of its national league and whose clubs are now playing a standard inferior to our State Leagues, to the uninitiated it must have seemed that Australia went overboard with its fear of facing New Zealand in the World Cup.

Coining old cliches, no stone was left unturned and no expense spared to make sure Australia was prepared for the arch enemy, whether it was training camps or bringing the overseas based players back. Going overboard it might have been but it certainly produced the required results with a rare away win as well as a comfortable victory on home soil.

Robin Shattock... a mean fighting machine.



AUSTRALIA v CANADA

Having overcome the bogey side, Australia appears to have gone to the other extreme with the next task facing it on the long and winding road to the 1994 USA World Cup finals.

The general message that seems to be coming across is that the play-off between Australia as the Oceania winner and Canada as the Concacaf runner-up is one that is easily achievable for the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos. Even the players themselves have been outspoken about New Zealand being a more difficult opponent than Canada. Nothing could be further from the truth. For a start, if the calibre of a team is measured by its players, Canada has nine of its team playing professionally in Europe compared to NZ's three.

On top of that Canada is far more sharpened at international level in comparison to the financially strapped Kiwis - the Canadians have been honed at top competitive level with the gruelling nine month campaign in the North and Central American qualifying series against the likes of Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras, all of which are far more serious opposition than the likes of Fiji and Vanuatu which the New Zealanders played against.

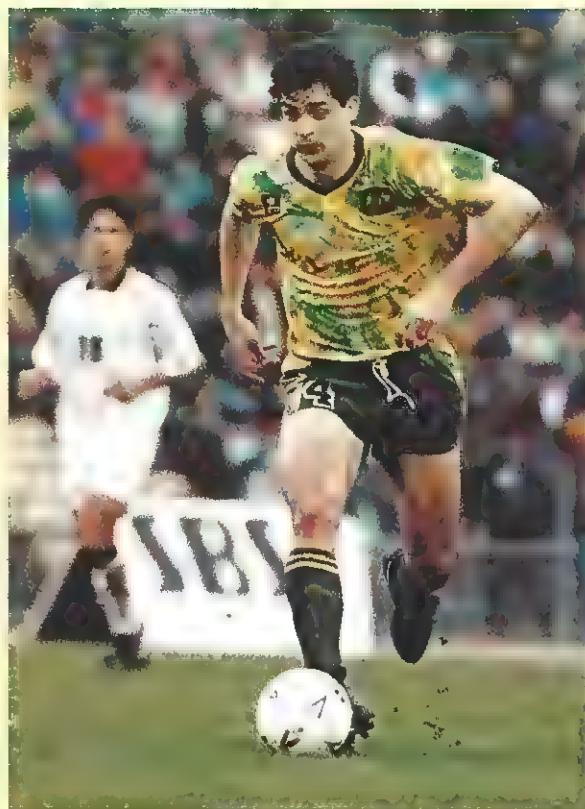
It's probably the lack of knowledge about the opposition that has left

Australian soccer in the comfort zone for the upcoming tough hurdle.

So maybe it's time to put the record straight and examine Canada, its national team and its soccer structure.

Point one is that Canada qualified for the World Cup finals as recently as 1986. Its impressive qualifying record to get there included wins over Haiti (2-0, 2-0), Guatemala (2-1), Honduras (1-0, 2-1), and draws against Guatemala (1-1), Costa Rica (1-1, 0-0). In the finals, it was far from disgraced going down by small margins against France (0-1), Hungary (0-2) and USSR (0-2).

Point two is that as a result of the World Cup finals, the country started its own national league which maintained an excellent playing standard for its players. The league folded at the end of last season but Canada's best three clubs have now joined the newly formed American Soccer League which



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comprises seven teams. So in effect the cream of Canadian soccer are playing for Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal against the best four clubs from the United States of America.

The proof of the improving standard is the players playing in Europe. During the current World Cup qualifying campaign, Canada's national side included goalkeeper Craig Forrest and fullback Frank Yallop who play for Ipswich Town in the English Premier League, striker Alex Bunbury a former Aston Villa player who was part of the West Ham side which won promotion to the Premier League, and Randy Samuel who plays in defence for Fortuna Sittard in the Dutch first division.

Other Canadian players plying their trade in professional leagues in Europe are defender Paul Fenwick and forward Paul Peschisolido at Birmingham City, Colin Miller at Hamilton in Scotland,

John Limniatis at Aris in Greece, Nial Thompson at Crystal Palace and Enzo Concina who plays in the Italian third division with Piacenza.

Canada has left no doubt it will invoke the FIFA rule ensuring the release of its players for World Cup games, so there is no fear of a repeat of NZ, which left it up to its star player Wynton Rufer to decide whether to leave his German club Werder Bremen to play in the qualifier against Australia. Point three is the experience that exists in the Canadian side. There are no less than six survivors from the 1986 World Cup finals in the current squad - Dale Mitchell, who has been scoring goals at international level since 1983, striker John Catliff, fullback Mike Sweeney, Paul Dolan, who was amongst the youngest keepers ever in the World Cup finals when he played against France, and midfielder David Norman, and veteran Carl Valentine,



From left:
Ned Zelic,
Mehmet
Durakovic
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the games around the country for the continuing development of the game. Edmonton has an excellent venue in the Commonwealth Stadium, and we're expecting an attendance of between 10,000 and 18,000 for the home leg." Australia has a similar size problem being the largest country in the world but the similarities between the two countries at soccer level goes a lot deeper than that. The roots of Canadian soccer rest with the various communities of migrants - just like Australia - but the game now has a firm hold because of the enormous number of juniors playing the game - just like Australia.

Ray Clark, an Englishman who was appointed Canada's national director of coaching a year ago, came to scout on the playing strength and tactics of the Australians for Canada's national coach Bob Lenarduzzi, who was unable to travel because of his club commitments with Vancouver.

Clark claimed to have been impressed by the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos but left no doubt that he feels that Australia is a manageable opponent which can be beaten. "You always have to fancy your chances. It's far from an impossible task."

Clark believes the only area where Australia is advanced on Canada is at development level and he took the opportunity to visit the Victorian Institute of Sport as well as talk to the directors of coaching in Australia and AIS head coach Ron Smith to get a better idea on the organisational structure of youth soccer here.

The last and most vital point is the preparation of Canada in the lead-up to these two games. Strong African nation Cameroon will be in Canada for a tour and Canada will also be involved in the Concacaf nations championship - against the likes of Mexico - prior to tackling the Australians.

What Australia does in terms of training camps and matches prior to arriving in Canada could well decide the two ties. Unless it can get the overseas based players together a week or 10 days beforehand for some badly needed practice games, our World Cup campaign can be well and truly over.

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whose playing career includes a stint at West Bromwich Albion.

The experience doesn't end on the field with Les Wilson performing the national team manager's duties for 10 years. Wilson played for Wolves and Bristol City for over 10 years before going back to Canada to manage the Vancouver Whitecaps from 1974 to 83. In his first task with the national team, Canada finished sixth in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and since then has been part of the 1986 World Cup under Tony Waiters.

Wilson and Canada's national director of coaching Ray Clark were in New Zealand and Australia for the two Oceania deciders as much to assess the opposition as well as to ensure that Canada is organised off the field with acclimatisation, accommodation and training facilities for its match.

Because of the 18 hours of travel and the

length of time to recover from such a trip, Canada has preferred to play the first leg at home with its argument that its players then only have to overcome jetlag the one time (the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos will experience jetlag when they get to Canada as well as when they return to Australia for the second leg). Australia has compensated for that by negotiating for the two legs to be a fortnight apart instead of the normal week.

The matches will be held in Edmonton on July 31 (or possibly August 1) and at the Sydney Football Stadium on August 15. The choice of Edmonton ahead of the better known soccer centres of Vancouver and Toronto is interesting. "Vancouver and Toronto have already had their fair share of internationals," Wilson explained.

"Canada is the second largest country in the world and it's important to spread

AUSTRALIA vs CANADA



1 BOSNICH, Mark

D.O.B: 13.1.72

Ht: 183cm Wt: 85kg

Position: Goalkeeper

Aston Villa (England)

Total Appearances: 2

"A" Internationals: -

Won the Mastercard Award for his performance in the 1991

World Youth Championships in Portugal. Originally played with Sydney CSC. Served an apprenticeship with Manchester United before signing with Aston Villa in English Premier League. Member of the Coca-Cola Olympic team, Bosnich was promoted to the Coca-Cola Socceroos. Made debut as a substitute against Moscow Torpedo in January, 1990.



2 BLAGOJEVIC, Milan

D.O.B: 24.12.69

Ht: 183cm Wt: 80kg

Position: Defender/Midfielder

Germinal Ekeren (Belgium)

Total Appearances: 8

"A" Internationals: 5

A graduate from Apia

Leichhardt, he first broke into international prominence being a squad member for the Coca-Cola Socceroos game against England in June 1991 and later represented his country as a substitute in the President's Cup matches in South Korea in June 1991.



5 TOBIN, Alex

D.O.B: 5.4.66

Ht: 190cm Wt: 80kg

Position: Midfielder

Adelaide City

Total Appearances: 42

"A" Internationals: 29

Played junior soccer for Birkalla in South Australia then signed for Coca-Cola Soccer League club

Adelaide City in 1984 when he was competing for a spot in the Young Socceroos side. Alex made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos as a substitute against IFK Gottenburg in January 1986.



9 ARNOLD, Graham

D.O.B: 3.8.63

Ht: 184cm Wt: 87kg

Position: Striker

R C Liegeois

Total Appearances: 63

"A" Internationals: 38

Played with CCSL club Sydney CSC before moving to Dutch

1st Division club, Roda JC where he completed two seasons before moving to RC Liegeois.

Made his Coca-Cola Socceroo debut against Red Star in 1985. Graham scored over 50 goals in 5 seasons with Sydney CSC. Has scored 27 goals for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in his 63 appearances.



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6 WADE, Paul

D.O.B: 20.3.63

Ht: 181cm Wt: 72kg

Position: Midfielder

South Melbourne

Total Appearances: 80

"A" Internationals: 59

Born in England, Paul arrived in Australia as an 11-year-old. Played for several Victorian clubs before joining CCSL club South Melbourne. He first appeared for Australia in 1986 against China

and has since represented his country 80 times, making him the highest capped Australian player in this squad. Captain of the Coca-Cola Socceroos.



10 VAN BLERK, Jason

D.O.B: 16.3.68

Ht: 186cm Wt: 76kg

Position: Midfielder SC

Go Ahead Eagles

(Holland)

Total Appearances: 13

"A" Internationals: 13

Progressed from NSW Under-14 representative to National level and represented the Coca-Cola Socceroos in their tour of Indonesia and the President's Cup in Korea. Jason made his first appearance for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in Jakarta against Indonesia B where he scored two goals in their 7-0 victory.



3 LONGO, Domenic

D.O.B: 23.8.70

Ht: 184cm Wt: 84kg

Position: Defender

Cercle Brugge (Belgium)

Total Appearances: 2

"A" Internationals: -

Originally from Tasmania.

Dominic won a scholarship to

the AIS. He won selection to the Australian Coca-Cola Joey's, Coca-Cola Young Socceroos and then the Coca-Cola Olyroos. His career was temporarily halted after a knee operation in 1989. Dominic made his debut for the

Coca-Cola Socceroos in their European tour playing against FC Twente in November 1992.



7 FARINA, Frank

D.O.B: 5.9.64

Ht: 178cm Wt: 78kg

Position: Striker R C

Strasbourg (France)

Total Appearances: 62

"A" Internationals: 32

A graduate from the AIS, Frank started with Canberra Arrows before moving to Sydney City in 1984 then to CCSL club Marconi in 1987. In 1988 he was signed by

Belgian 1st Division giants, Club Brugge, and sold to Italian 1st Division side, Bari the following season. Frank's debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos was when he came on as a substitute against Nottingham Forest in May.



11 SLATER, Robbie

D.O.B: 22.11.64

Ht: 179cm Wt: 82kg

Position: Striker

RC Lens (France)

Total Appearances: 13

"A" Internationals: 7

Made his debut in the CCSL at the age of 17 with St George where he stayed for 4 years before moving to Sydney CSC in 1987. He then moved to French 1st Division club, R.C. Lens,

where he has just completed his 2nd season. He made his debut as a Coca-Cola Socceroo against Glasgow Rangers in 1984.



4 ZELIC, Ned

D.O.B: 4.7.71

Ht: 185cm Wt: 81kg

Position: Defender

Borussia Dortmund

(Germany)

Total Appearances: 13

"A" Internationals: 8

A graduate of the AIS he has

come from the Australian Youth team to Captain of the Coca-Cola Olyroos. Many will remember Ned from his glorious goal against the Netherlands, which qualified Australia for the 1992 Olympics. Ned made his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in February '91 when he came on as a substitute against Czechoslovakia.



8 VIDMAR, Aurelio

D.O.B: 3.2.67

Ht: 180cm Wt: 72kg

Position: Midfielder SV

Waregem (Belgium)

Total Appearances: 14

"A" Internationals: 8

Older brother of Tony Vidmar, Aurelio also played with CCSL club Adelaide City before moving to

Belgium to play with 1st Division Club Kortrijk. Has since signed for another Belgium Club, SV Waregem. Aurelio made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos, celebrating his 21st Birthday, against Dynamo Zagreb on 3.2.88 in Melbourne.



12 IVANOVIC, Milan

D.O.B: 21.12.68

Ht: 187cm Wt: 80kg

Position: Sweeper

Adelaide City

Total Appearances: 20

"A" Internationals: 18

Played in the Yugoslav 1st Division with OFK Belgrade

then transferred to Red Star Belgrade where he played for 4 years before moving to Australia to play with CCSL club Adelaide City for a record transfer fee of \$50,000. First represented the Coca-Cola Socceroos in January 1991 against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne.



AUSTRALIA v CANADA

13 DURAKOVIC, Mehmet
D.O.B: 13.10.65
Ht: 178cm Wt: 72kg
Position: Defender
South Melbourne
Total Appearances: 32
"A" Internationals: 23



Moved from Melbourne J.U.S.T. to CCSL Club South Melbourne, in 1989. Made his debut as a substitute for the Coca-Cola Socceroos against Moscow Torpedo in February 1990. Played against England in 1991 and in four (4) President's Cup matches in Korea in 1991. Has been a regular in Eddie Thomson's Coca-Cola Socceroo line-up since.

14 LAZARIDIS, Stan
D.O.B: 15.8.72

Ht: 180cm Wt: 75kg
Position: Defender
West Adelaide
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: 2
Stan, who is originally from Perth, is playing for the Perth Italia club and studying to be a Physical Education teacher. He recently moved to West Adelaide after starring for the Western Australian state team and has had a meteoric rise to Coca-Cola Socceroo level.



15 VEART, Carl
D.O.B: 21.5.70

Ht: 184cm Wt: 77kg
Position: Striker
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 6
"A" Internationals: 6
First played senior soccer for South Australian side Sailsbury United in 1986. Played both Under 19's and seniors with South Australia before his selection with the Coca-Cola Olyroos for Barcelona. Scored a goal on his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in a World Cup qualifier against the Solomon Islands in September 1992.



16 CORICA, Steve
D.O.B: 24.3.73

Ht: 177cm Wt: 74kg
Position: Striker,
Marconi-Fairfield
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: 2
Steve is an exciting young Coca-Cola Socceroo star. Originally from Innisfail in Far North Queensland, Steve played for Queensland representative squads and then graduated to the Australian Schoolboys, the Coca-Cola Joeys, the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos, the Coca-Cola Olyroos and now the Coca-Cola Socceroos. The only player to have achieved this honour.



17 BOZINOSKI, Vlado
D.O.B: 30.3.64
Ht: 178cm Wt: 75kg
Position:
Fullback/Midfielder
Ipswich Town (England)

Total Appearances: 9
"A" Internationals: 7
Plays for Ipswich Town in the English Premier League. Vlado's first appearance for the Coca-Cola Socceroos was as a substitute against the stylish Brazilian team in July, 1988. Scored a goal in the Coca-Cola Socceroos memorable 4-1 win over Argentina in the Bicentennial Gold Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium in 1988.



21 POLAK, Jason
D.O.B: 9.1.68
Ht: 179cm Wt: 78kg
Position: Midfielder
Newcastle BHP Breakers
Total Appearances: 7
"A" Internationals: 5
Former Coca-Cola Young Socceroo who started in the World Youth Championships in Chile, 1987. Played with CCSL club Sydney Olympic in 1988 and 1989 before moving overseas and eventually playing with Dutch 1st division club, De Graafschap. Returned to play with Newcastle for the 1992-93 season. First Coca-Cola Socceroo cap was against Fiji in 1988.



18 ZABICA, Robert
D.O.B: 9.4.64

Ht: 185cm Wt: 92kg
Position: Goalkeeper
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 29
"A" Internationals: 22
Played in Perth prior to joining Coca-Cola Soccer League club, Adelaide City in 1988. He represented South Australia in 1990 and 1991 and made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in February 1990 against Moscow Torpedo in Melbourne, where he kept a clean sheet with the Coca-Cola Socceroos winning 3-0.



22 MITCHELL, David
D.O.B: 13.6.62

Ht: 185cm Wt: 80kg
Position: Striker
Swindon Town (England)
Total Appearances: 40
"A" Internationals: 28
Developed as a player in Australia, playing with the now defunct CCSL club, Sydney City, before moving abroad to start his career as a professional footballer. Has played with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland, Feyenoord in The Netherlands, Chelsea and Newcastle in the UK. David's first cap for the Coca-Cola Socceroos was against Taiwan in 1981.



19 TRIMBOLI, Paul
D.O.B: 25.2.69

Ht: 177cm Wt: 85kg
Position: Striker
South Melbourne
Total Appearances: 14
"A" Internationals: 9
A scholarship holder at the Australian Institute of Sport, Paul represented the Coca-Cola Joeys as well as the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos. Made his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in 1988, against Fiji. First played in the CCSL with Sunshine George Cross before joining his current club South Melbourne.



23 VIDMAR, Tony
D.O.B: 4.7.70

Ht: 178cm Wt: 78kg
Position: Defender
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 12
"A" Internationals: 8
Has represented both the Coca-Cola Socceroos and the Coca-Cola Olyroos. He is a regular with CCSL club, Adelaide City, and younger brother of Aurelio Vidmar, who is also a Coca-Cola Socceroo. Tony has recently returned from a short stint in Belgium.



20 MILOSEVIC, Branko
D.O.B: 21.8.64

Ht: 177cm Wt: 85kg
Position: Midfielder
Sydney Olympic
Total Appearances: 11
"A" Internationals: 8
Started as a junior with Olimpia Osijek in the Croatian 2nd Division. Moved to Germany to play for Ulm in the Bundesliga 2nd Division in 85-86, scoring 10 goals as an attacking midfielder. Came to Australia in 1987 and played for CCSL club Melbourne CSC. Branko made his first Coca-Cola Socceroo appearance as a substitute in 1990 against South Korea.



24 OKON, Paul
D.O.B:

Ht: 184cm Wt: 76kg
Position: Defender
Total Appearances: -
"A" Internationals: -
A 20-year-old defender also with Club Brugge in Belgium. Former Marconi player and member of last year's successful Australian under 20 side at the World Youth Championships in Portugal. Has made three Coca-Cola Olympic appearances, scoring one goal.



AUSTRALIA v CANADA

CRAIG FORREST

Goalkeeper
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 205
Club: Ipswich Town (England)
Born: September, '67
A tall (6'5"), commanding goalkeeper who has been a first team regular with his English Premier League club since 1988 - the year he made his full international debut with a "shut out" against Chile. The star of the Canadian team that reached the 1987 World Youth Cup finals.


RANDY SAMUEL

Defender
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 185
Club: Fortuna Sittard (Holland)
Born: December 23, '63
Trinidad & Tobago
Now plays alongside former Marconi striker Fred de Jong in the Fortuna Sittard back four, after stints with other Dutch first division clubs PSV Eindhoven and Vojendam. One of Canada's star performers in the 1986 World Cup finals, he was born in Trinidad.


PAUL FENWICK

Defender
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 180
Club: Birmingham City (England)
Born: August 25, '69
London, England
An uncapped defender, he was added to the squad immediately upon returning to Canada following a stint with Birmingham City in England. At 6'2" tall, he is particularly commanding in the air.


PATRICK ONSTAD

Goalkeeper
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 185
Club: Winnipeg Fury
Born: January 13, '68
Has gained considerable senior international experience due to Forrest's club duties often precluding him from representing Canada. A well travelled goalkeeper, he played for home town club Vancouver 86ers and Toronto Blizzard before helping Winnipeg win the 1992 Canadian Soccer League title.


COLIN MILLER

Defender
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 165
Club: Hamilton Academical (Scotland)
Born: October 4, '64
Lanark, Scotland
Was signed by Glasgow Rangers after a series of excellent displays during the 1986 World Cup qualifying series and returned to Scotland. Failed to win a regular first team place at Ibrox Stadium and has been with Hamilton Academical of the Scottish First Division for several seasons.


NICK DASOVIC

Midfielder
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 170
Club: North York Rockets
Born: December 5, '68 Vancouver B.C.
A midfielder who can also play in defence. He won his first senior international cap against China last year, but failed to cement place in team.


FRANK YALLOP

Defender
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 160
Club: Ipswich Town
Born: April 4, '64
Watford, England
A defender with ten seasons of English League experience at Ipswich, he was actually born in England and represented that country five times at youth level in 1982. Made his senior international debut for Canada, the country where he was raised, in 1990.


MARK WATSON

Defender
Height: 6'
Weight: 170
Club: F.C. Supra de Montreal
Born: September 7, '70 Vancouver B.C.
The revelation of Canada's World Cup campaign to date, he is a 22 year old defender who made his senior international debut in 1991. Has been attached to four clubs in the past three years - Ottawa Intrepid, Hamilton Steelers, Montreal Supra and Vancouver 86ers.


CARL VALENTINE

Midfielder
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 166
Club: Vancouver 86ers
Born: July 4, '58 Manchester, England
English born, was recruited by Vancouver Whitecaps in 1979 as one of their permitted foreigners and quickly established himself as an NASL cult figure. Gained Canadian citizenship in 1985 and appeared in all three games at the following year's World Cup finals.


MIKE SWEENEY

Defender
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 145
Club: Unattached
Born: December 25, '59 Duncan B.C.
Veteran defender who served several clubs during an extensive NASL career, but is now contracted directly to the Canadian Soccer Association. He made his senior international debut against New Zealand back in 1980 and now has over 50 caps to his credit.


MARCO RIZI

Defender
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 180
Club: F.C. Supra de Montreal
Born: September 15, '68 Montreal, Quebec
A tall central defender and fringe member of the squad, he has graduated from Canada's under 19 selection - which he represented ten times. Also plays professional indoor soccer, with Detroit, in the US.


LYNDON HOOPER

Midfielder
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 160
Club: Toronto Blizzard
Born: May 30, '66 Georgetown, Guyana
A consistent midfielder who has been a regular in the side since making his senior international debut in 1986. Played for Ottawa and Montreal before joining Toronto in 1989. Has been chosen for the CSL's All Star XI; named at the end of each season, on three occasions.



AUSTRALIA v CANADA



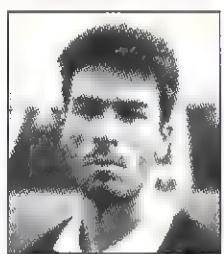
DAVE NORMAN
Midfielder
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 150
Club: Vancouver 86ers
Born: May 6, '62
Glasgow, Scotland
A survivor from the 1984 Olympic and 1986 World Cup campaigns, he is a busy and skilful midfielder. Served four seasons with Vancouver Whitecaps in the NASL and his CSL career included stints at Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton before he returned to the Whitecaps' successors, the 86ers, in 1991.



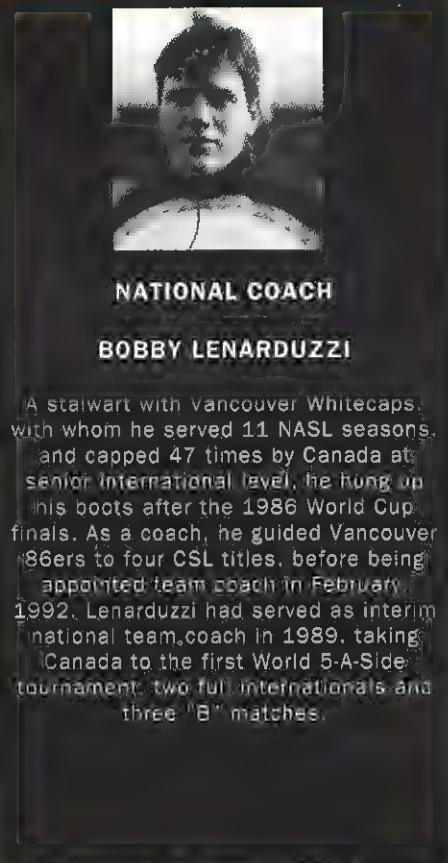
PAUL PESCHISOLIDO
Forward
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 155
Club: Birmingham City (England)
Born: May 25, '71
Scarborough, Ontario
An impressive performer at Under 17, Under 20 and Olympic international levels, he has so far found it difficult to secure a regular place in the senior line up due to the depth of striking talent Canada has available. Moved to his English professional club in 1992 after four seasons with Toronto Blizzard.



JOHN LIMNIATIS
Midfielder
Height: 6'
Weight: 160
Club:
Panetolikos, Greece
Born: June 24, '67
Athens, Greece
Midfielder who represented Canada at Under 17 and Olympic levels, before being called up for senior international duty against El Salvador in 1987. After just two CSL campaigns with Ottawa, he moved to Greece - his parents' home country - and joined Aris Salonika in 1988.



DALE MITCHELL
Forward
Height: 6'
Weight: 165
Club: Vancouver 86ers
Born: April 25, '58
Vancouver, B.C.
At 35 years of age he is the squad veteran. Recently celebrated half a century of senior international appearances and holds the Canadian record with 19 goals at this level. Began his professional career with the Vancouver Whitecaps, but had one season with Toronto Blizzard before joining the 86ers.



NATIONAL COACH

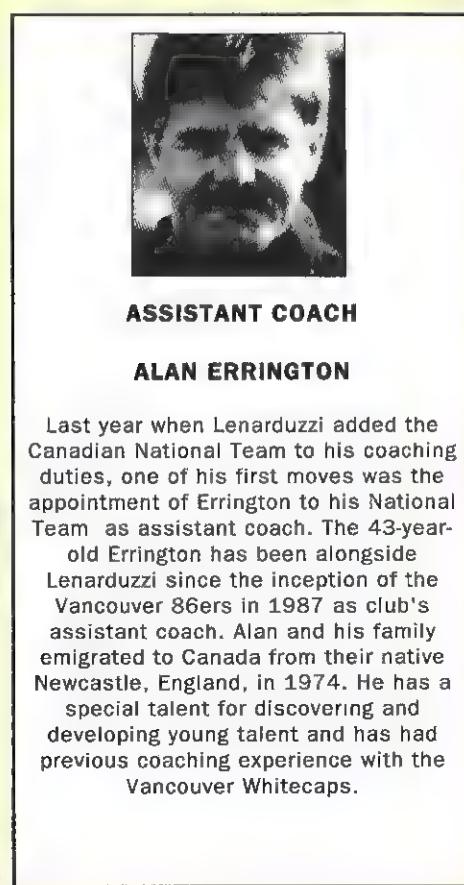
BOBBY LENARDUZZI

A stalwart with Vancouver Whitecaps, with whom he served 11 NASL seasons and capped 47 times by Canada at senior international level, he hung up his boots after the 1986 World Cup finals. As a coach, he guided Vancouver 86ers to four CSL titles, before being appointed team coach in February 1992. Lenarduzzi had served as interim national team coach in 1989, taking Canada to the first World 5-A-Side tournament, two full internationals and three "B" matches.

JOHN CATTIE
Forward
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 200
Club: Vancouver 86ers
Born: January 9, '65,
Vancouver, B.C.
A tall, powerful striker who has fought his way back into the national side after a knee injury. Sidelined him for both the 1985 and 1986. Apart from one season with Calgary, his entire CSL career has been spent with home town club the 86ers. The League's top scorer in 1988 and 1990.



EDDY BERDUSCO
Forward
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170
Club: North York Rockets
Born: September 8, '69 Mississauga, Ontario
A striker who has represented Canada at B, five-a-side, Under 20 and senior levels, he was both the CSL's top goal scorer and Most Valuable Player in 1992. He had only limited opportunities in A internationals.



ASSISTANT COACH

ALAN ERRINGTON

Last year when Lenarduzzi added the Canadian National Team to his coaching duties, one of his first moves was the appointment of Errington to his National Team as assistant coach. The 43-year-old Errington has been alongside Lenarduzzi since the inception of the Vancouver 86ers in 1987 as club's assistant coach. Alan and his family emigrated to Canada from their native Newcastle, England, in 1974. He has a special talent for discovering and developing young talent and has had previous coaching experience with the Vancouver Whitecaps.

ALEX BUNBURY
Forward
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 187
Club: West Ham United (England)
Born: June 16, '67
Plaisance, Guyana
A talented forward, he gained his first senior international cap while still a teenager. The first Canadian to score a hat trick in a World Cup qualifier (v. Bermuda last year), he moved to English League club West Ham United after five seasons in the CSL - with Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal.



DOMENIC MOBILIO
Mobilio was drafted into the squad in mid World Cup campaign, he made his debut against El Salvador on April 11 this year and scored his first international goal a week later against Honduras.

NICE - AND TOUGH

Justin Brasier of AAP talks to Australia's number one custodian



Australian wonderboy Mark Bosnich claims he now has a tough streak after going to hell and back to win a place in the English Premier League. Establishing himself as Australia's number one goalkeeper during the **Coca-Cola** Socceroos' World Cup qualifying series against New Zealand, 21 year-old Bosnich is a hardened young professional who belies his baby-faced appearance. "Before I left I wouldn't say I was a nancy boy but I was a very, very nice person; I'm still a nice person at heart but now I've got a lot of sharp edges," Bosnich said. "I've acquired more self belief, more steel."

Bosnich, who has completed a brilliant first full season at Aston Villa, went on to describe English soccer as one of the cruellest and most physically demanding in the world.

Sounding more like a soldier than a soccer player, the larrikin goalkeeper said: "The English league can be a minefield, it's tough, hard and rugged. It's a man's game." And if you're talking about players slaughtering each other, well the crowds are twice as ruthless.

"I've seen people at Man United, even Man United players when I was there, being hounded out of the club by the crowds. It's a different type of world over there, we're playing for our livings."

One of the reasons why national coach Eddie Thomson favours Bosnich over Adelaide City's Robert Zabica is because he can't keep his mouth shut once he gets on to the pitch. It's a trait he's developed to overcome noisy crowds in England.

The outspoken former **Coca-Cola** Olyroo has learnt to stand up for himself in the dog-eat-dog world of the Premier League and now wouldn't think twice about giving a senior player a serve if he thought he deserved it.

"They're all older than me but I'm not going to be a shrinking violet for the sake of keeping a friendship," the former Sydney CSC keeper said of his **Coca-Cola** Socceroo team-mates.

"If something is wrong I'll tell them. It's nothing personal, it's a business and we're all trying to work towards winning a football game."

"It's very much emphasised with Ron Atkinson (Aston Villa manager) that if people can't take the heat, they get out of the kitchen. We'll have a shout, an argument and then we will have a drink afterwards. I'll never slag anybody personally, I'm only trying to get them to perform to the best of their ability. Nobody's perfect, there will be times when I'm getting my backside kicked as well."

Playing in front of huge crowds during Aston Villa's championship bid, Bosnich conceded only 11 goals in 18 matches, many of which were televised back to Australia.

Although disappointed that Aston Villa faded late in its second-placed finish to Manchester United, Bosnich admitted the year was a personal triumph, topping off the honour of representing Australia at last year's Barcelona Olympics.

"I've read some of the articles that mum cut out for me and they've been very generous," he said.

"But that means nothing, that's all behind me, I've got to go out and prove it all again. International football is another step up and I've got to prepare myself adequately for that."

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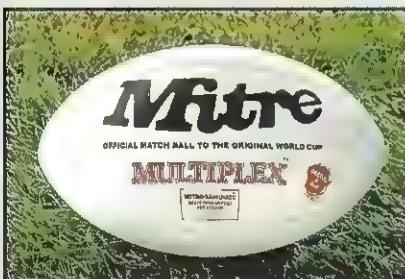
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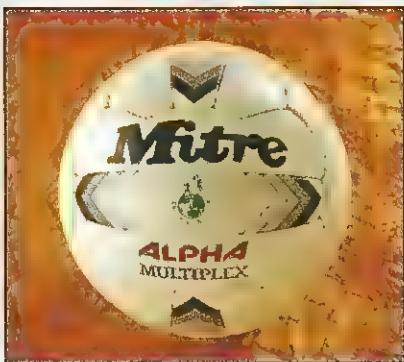
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Despite the emergence of a new generation of primarily Italian-backed clubs from Bulleen, Morwell, Thomastown and Fawkner, Brunswick United remains a power in the Victorian competition. EITORE FLACCO reports ...

THE HISTORY

If a sense of history and tradition has any place in today's **Coca-Cola** Soccer League, the promotion of Brunswick United back into the elite is not out of order.

Whilst Brunswick United won't be Juve any more - a sacrificial name change which has rankled with some of the older club members, even though the new name is yet unknown (at the time of printing) - the fighting Zebras enjoy a history richly woven into the tapestry of Victorian soccer.

Brunswick United has been around for 43 years, making it one of the oldest clubs to retain its original identity in the State.

Even giants South Melbourne are mere babes compared to Brunswick United, the Zebras having reeled off five Victorian titles before the Middle Park club even first saw the light of day. The club's crowning glory in those halcyon days of packed terraces and imported stars was a string of five titles in succession between 1952 and 1955. This unprecedented run of success remains a Victorian record today, a record unlikely ever to be broken.

Since 1958 and the formation of the Victorian Soccer Federation the club has, despite its previously nomadic and sometimes tenuous existence, carried on its tradition of on-field excellence. Although the Victorian titles have numbered just three in the last 30 years of State League (now Premier League) competition, Brunswick United has

been top five material on 18 occasions, including runner-up six times and third on another five occasions.

The mighty Zebras have never finished lower than 10th, never been relegated and, along with Sunshine George Cross, this pair remains as the only two Victorian clubs to have played top grade soccer (ie. Premier League or CCSL) continuously since federation in '58.

Along the way Brunswick United has managed six Dockerty Cup triumphs, a couple of Gold Medal winners and a host of sundry other local trophies and awards.

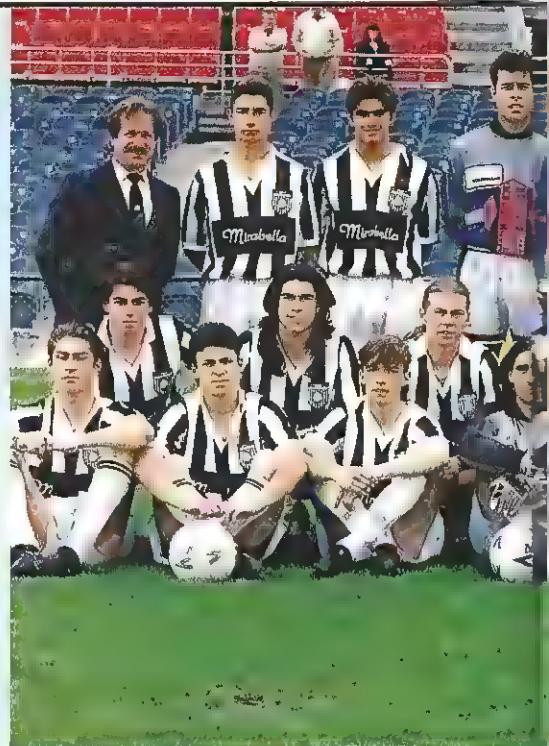
Indicative of Brunswick United strength at Victorian level has been its domination of the Premier League since returning to its ranks after relegation from the CCSL in 1988.

Under coach Billy Rogers, the club has finished champions once and runners-up three times, racking up clearly the best record of any club over that period. Brunswick United has enjoyed a 50 per cent success rate or better against every other Premier League club it has faced over this period.

TRIUMPH

Brunswick United hasn't seen CCSL action for nearly five years, yet the club holds pride of place in Victorian soccer for being one of only two Melbourne clubs to win a national title.

The year was 1985 and Brunswick United, under coach John Margaritis and recruiting supremo and current Victorian Soccer Federation Chairman,



Looking to the future ..B

Joe Caruso, was in just its second season of national competition. After taking the Southern Division Grand Final in dramatic fashion against Preston, Brunswick's bargain basement team, put together for less than \$50,000, faced off against the might of then all-conquering Sydney City in a dual-legged national play-off.

The 1985 title-winning squad was:

Brian Brown (captain), Yakka Banovic, Mehmet Durakovic, John Dowie, Eddie Campbell, Fab Incantalupo, Mike Petersen, Richard Miranda, Paul Wade, Robbie Cullen, Joe Sweeney, Peter Lewis, Reno Minichiello, Andrew Zinni, Joe Palatsides, Paul Drinoczky and Sean Keogh.

THE APPLICATION

Despite Brunswick's previous CCSL pedigree, recent history suggested that Brunswick United was anything but likely to win back its place in the elite

**LA VECCHIA
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Brunswick's youth team.

when it went up against bids from Preston, Bulleen and Bonnyrigg White Eagles earlier this year.

The club's homeless history, a massive financial debt which had threatened the club's very existence as little as three years ago, dwindling support and the mere fact that the ASF has appeared to favour new blood in recent times all combined to suggest Brunswick United would struggle to return to the big time. Some refer to Brunswick United president Maria Carmignani as a hard bitch (always in whispered tones, of course).

Unfortunately there are still those who feel threatened by power-wielding, assertive females, especially those who have the guts to get the job done in relentless fashion.

As much as anything else, it has been her strength of character and foresight which has pulled the club through what was a time of decision for Brunswick

VICTORIAN RECORD

Victorian Champions - 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1970 and 1991

Docherty Cup Winners - 1960, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1977 and 1987

Ampol Cup Winners - 1959

Gold Medal Winners - B.McGuinness (1980) and V.Bannon (1982)

Fleming Medal Winners - M.Busidoni (1955), G.Scott (1965), B.Vojtek (1975), M.Watkins (1977) and F.De Amicis (1992)

CCSL RECORD

CCSL Champions - 1985

League Cup - Best effort runners-up to Apia in 1988, losing the final on penalties

Gold Medal Winners - A.Zinni (1987)

Overall - Brunswick United is 22nd on the all-time CCSL ladder

YEAR BY YEAR

Yr	Coach	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Cup Finals
84 *	J.Margaritis	5th	28	13	4	11	36	42	R'd 1 L Elim.Final
85 *	J.Margaritis	2nd	22	11	7	4	37	19	R'd 1 W Grand Final
86 *	L.McKendry	1st	22	11	6	5	37	21	R'd 1 L Prelim.Final
87	L.McKendry	8th	24	9	5	10	18	23	R'd 1 n/a
88	L.McKendry	13th	26	5	5	14	31	43	R/Up n/a
Total league record			122	49	27	44	158	148	
CCSL finals record **			8	5	0	3	10	9	
League Cup record **			12	2	3	7	7	17	
TOTAL CCSL RECORD			142	56	30	54	175	174	

* Southern Division ** Matches decided on penalties shown as drawn games

United. Ailing after its CCSL relegation, still homeless and in financial trouble, Brunswick United's fortunes have taken a turn for the better since Carmignani marched into town three years ago. While the other clubs blustered about their various merits, not a public word was uttered from the Brunswick United camp, fuelling suspicions that the club was only spluttering along with nothing new to aid its bid.

When the behind-the-scenes work was done and the deals signed, Carmignani struck like a viper, announcing to a startled press the features of the impressive Brunswick United CCSL bid. These included:

- Confirmed sponsorship which would net the club in excess of \$400,000
- Brunswick City Council's go-ahead

for the club's long-awaited home ground complex, due for completion in two to three years.

• A package deal with AFL (Aussie rules) football club Footscray, which would include a ground sharing arrangement at the Western Oval along with the Bulldogs and national league baseball's Melbourne Monarchs.

• The appointment of Footscray marketing whizz-kid Cameron Richardson as general manager of Brunswick United.

Carmignani timed her announcement perfectly, hitting hard, fast effectively and convincing everyone that Brunswick United deserved a CCSL second chance. Although appearing not always possessed with endearing charm, particularly when diplomacy takes

second place to getting the job done,

Carmignani is still a big hit with the rank and file members, many of whom she managed to bring together thanks to her initiative in acquiring the club's first real home, the Brunswick Juventus Social Club.

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Calfskin and Pell-tech upper. EVA with felt insole. Sewn-on vulcanized rubber outsole with 13 studs.

**INTER CAMPIONATO****Black, white, burgundy**

Pell-tech upper. EVA and felt insole. PEBAKX nylon outsole with six interchangeable nylon studs. Sewn to upper.

**GO CAMPIONATO****Black, white, burgundy**

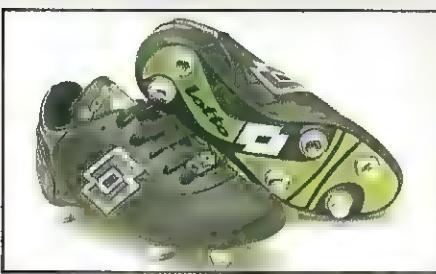
Pell-tech upper. EVA and felt insole. Sewn-on vulcanized rubber outsole with 13 studs.

**INTER GULLIT JNR****Black, blue, yellow**

Calfskin leather upper. EVA insole with felt. Outsole in PEBAK nylon with 6 interchangeable metal studs. Stitched to upper.

**PU GULLIT JNR****Black, blue, yellow**

Calfskin leather upper. EVA insole with felt. Sewn-on POLYURETHANE outsole with 13 studs.

**INTER CAMPIONATO JNR****Black, purple, green**

Pell-tech upper. EVA insole. Sewn-on PEBAK nylon outsole with nylon removable studs.

**GO CAMPIONATO JNR****Black, purple, green**

Pell-tech upper. EVA insole with felt. Vulcanized rubber outsole with 13 studs, sewn to the upper. Heel shock absorber.

**INTER FIERO JNR****Black, teal, purple**

Durasoft upper. EVA insole. Outsole in PEBAK nylon with six interchangeable nylon studs. Outsole upper.

**GO FIERO JNR****Black, teal, purple**

Durasoft upper. EVA insole. Outsole stitched to upper in vulcanized rubber.

**CAMPIONATO TURF****Black, silver, blue**

Pelle-tech upper with leather toe-reinforcement. EVA insole. Single density EVA midsole. Vulcanized rubber outsole with front and back cup.

**CAMPIONATO WHITE****White, black**

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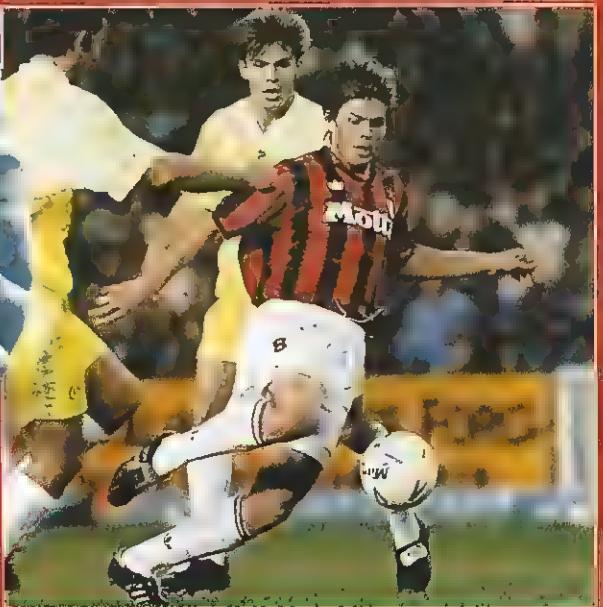
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Veni, vidi, vinci ... they came, they saw, they conquered. AC Milan showed its Australian supporters just why it is one of the leading clubs in the world when it won both games against the Coca-Cola Socceroos during its tour in June. Soccer Australia photographer Bruno Silverii captured some of the magic moments. More photographs next pages.

ON THE ROAD WITH AC MILAN



Left: Jean Pierre Papin - cool and relaxed. Above: Zvonimir Boban gives the Coca-Cola Socceroos a hard time

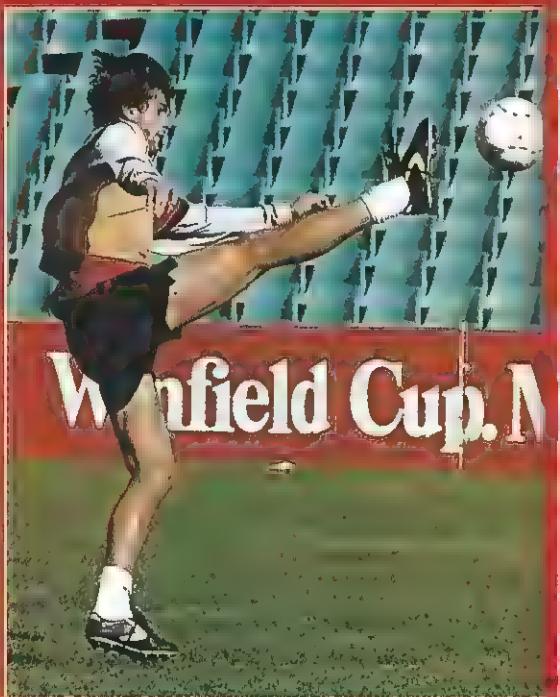




*Above: Skipper
Franco Baresi
(left) and
Gianluigi
Lentini say
grace before
dinner.*

*Left: Exciting
midfielder
Robert
Donadoni.*

*Right:
Stretching it
out ... the
\$28million
man Lentini at
training.*





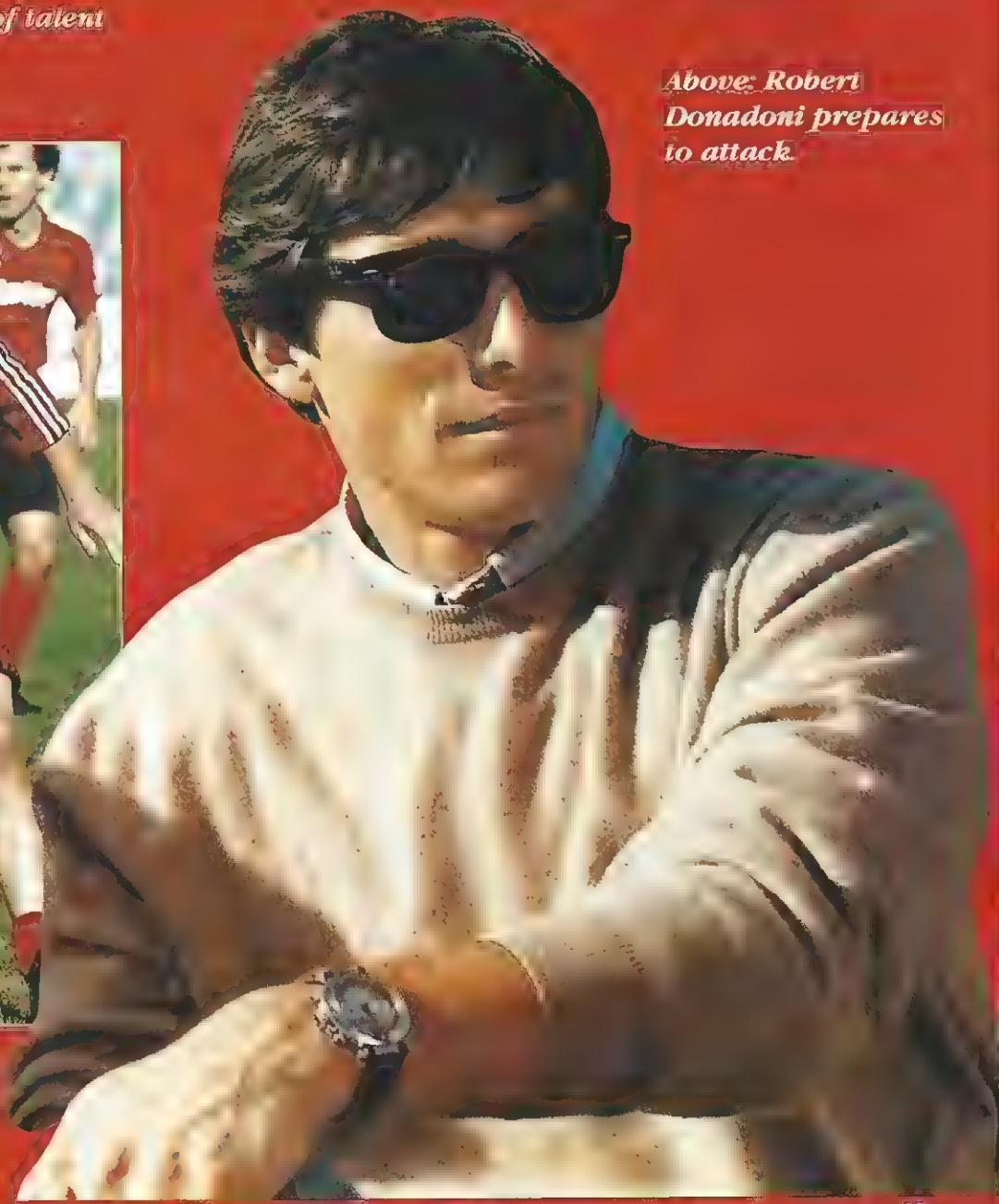
*Above: \$200 million worth of talent
on the training track.*



*Above: Robert
Donadoni prepares
to attack.*



*Above: French captain
Pierre Papin ready for
his tussle with Mehmet
Durakovic.*





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JOIN OTHER MEMBERS AND RUN THE 1993 CITY TO SURF

Every year, thousands of Australians from the fittest to those just looking for a fun run, line up to compete in the annual City to Surf. It's a great goal to have if you're on a get-fit programme, and it's a big thrill to be able to say: "I ran in the City to Surf!"

This year, it will be held on Sunday, August 8 and ASSC Gold Member, Sam Lo Ricco, is eager to hear from other

ASSC Members who would be interested in running in this fun and fitness event as a team effort. Sam has some great ideas - including involving past and present CCSL players, so call him on (02) 416 7357 or (02) 250 0317 and register your interest. It's a terrific opportunity for members to meet and get to know each other - and a marvellous way to promote Australian Soccer.

Cheer Australia to World Cup victory!

Following the Coca-Cola Socceroos' heart-stopping win against New Zealand in the last round of the World Cup qualifying games, we're now scheduled to meet Canada.

The first game will be held on July 31 in Canada, followed by a re-match in Sydney on August 15. SBS will be covering both games live, so check your TV programme for kick-off times. ASSC Members have a special

opportunity to buy tickets for the Sydney game at discount prices.

Call the Hotline on 0055 21172 or phone 810 7000 from Sydney for information on when tickets will be on sale and the special prices for Members.

It's going to be a great event for Australian Soccer and you can be there to cheer our Coca-Cola Socceroos on to World Cup victory!

Help your club raise money

Don't forget that the Australian Soccer Supporters Club would like to help your Club raise funds and, at the same time, help benefit Australian Soccer.

- For every gold and gold family member who joins from your Club, the ASSC will pay a commission of \$10.
- For every standard and standard family membership, your Club will receive \$5.
- Every junior membership pays a commission of \$1.
- PLUS a further 20c per membership will be given to your State's Soccer Federation.

So encourage those who support or play for your Club to join the ASSC. All they have to do is be sure to nominate the Club they support when they complete the ASSC Membership Application Form and the Club will receive the funds. If your Club doesn't have quantities of ASSC Membership brochures on display, call (02) 810 7000 and the ASSC will be pleased to send out brochures.

HOTLINE IS UP AND FIRING!

As we promised in last month's issue of Game Plan, the ASSC hotline has been installed for Members. Just by dialling 0055 21172 from anywhere in Australia, you'll be able to hear about the latest plans for upcoming Club events, news that will be of special interest to soccer fans and reminders of outstanding offers from the Sports Shop.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Club member discounts to games
- Issues of "Soccer Australia" magazine
- Special privileges for Gold Members
- The value of membership packages far outweighs the cost
- Funds from membership fees are used to develop and promote soccer in Australia
- Your Club and Soccer Federation receive a commission on your Membership fee.

IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER - HERE'S HOW TO JOIN
The Australian Soccer Supporters Club has been designed for both adults and children. There are five levels of Membership - Junior through to Gold and Family Membership. These valuable benefits are yours for a reasonable annual membership fee. Simply phone (02) 810 7000 or complete your details on the Membership Application after The Sports Shop.

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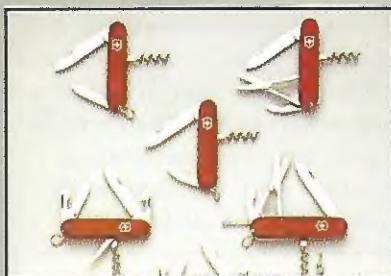
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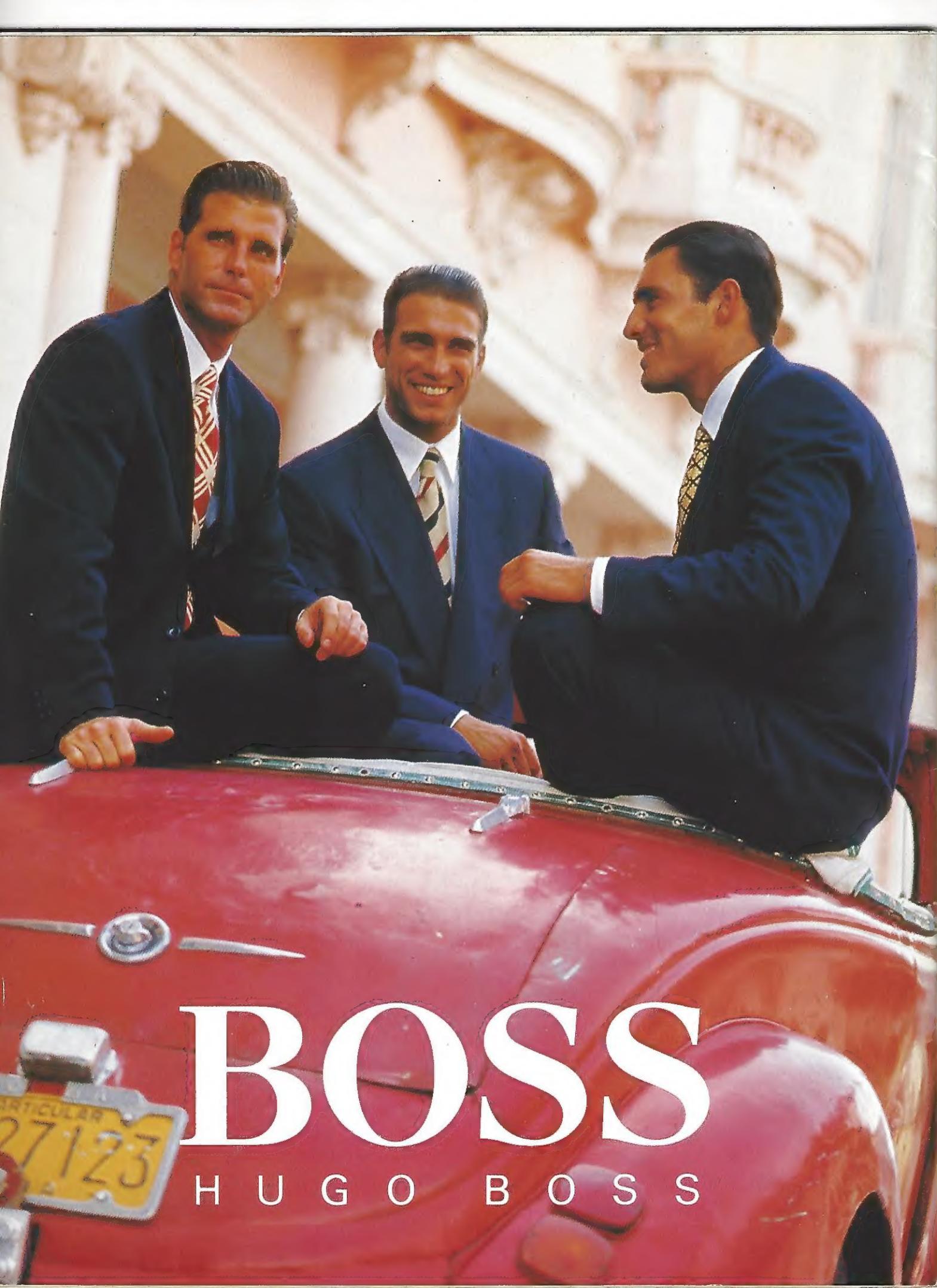
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